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RIDE.164 THE PACK CLOSES IN

NAGANO

GO FASTER ...
FASTER ...!!

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ALL THE CURVES!!
IMAGINE THAT THE GUYS IN FRONT ARE THERE

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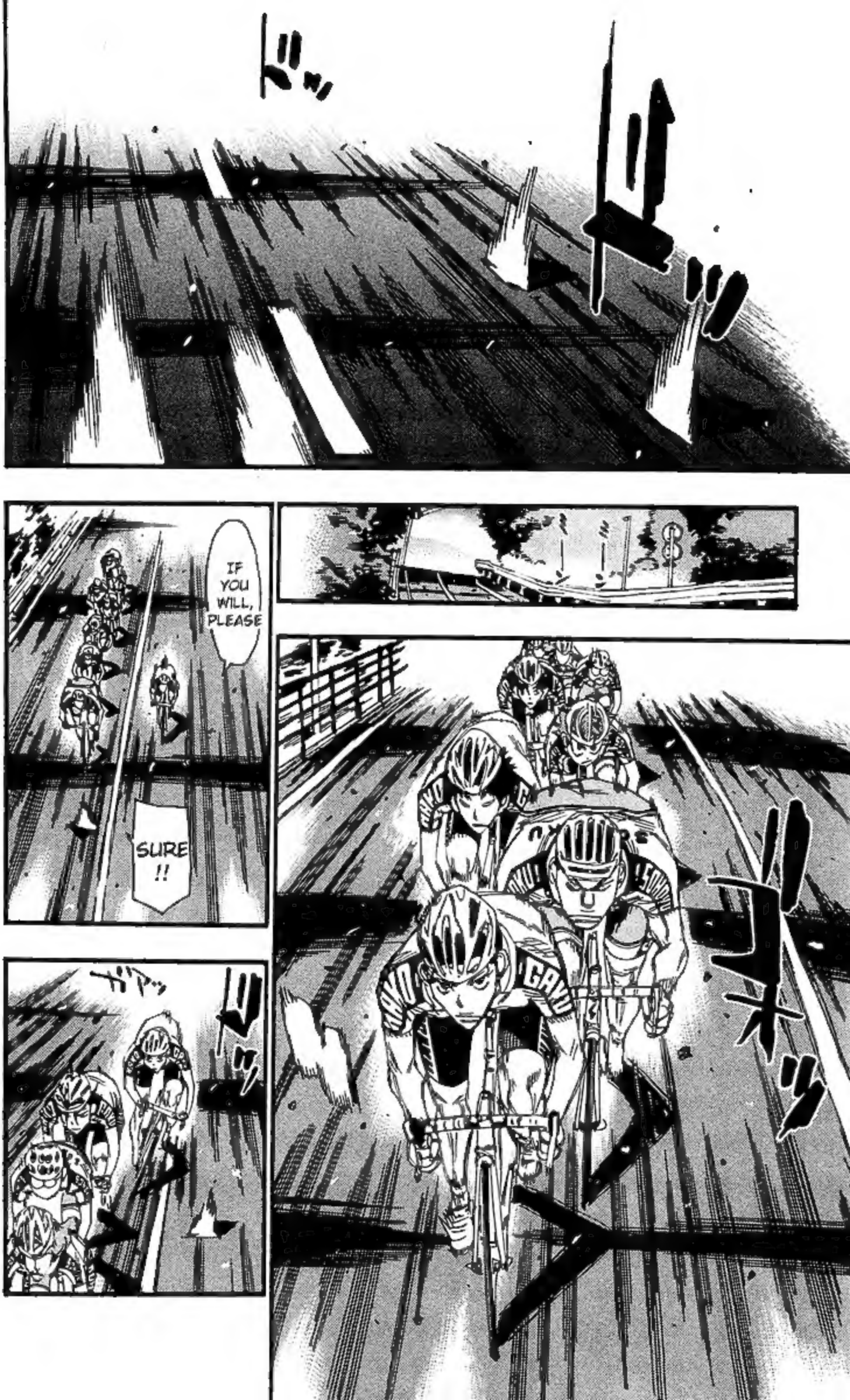
IF YOU WILL, PLEASE
SURE !!
ガアッ

GOOD WORK, IZUMIDA.
NOT AT ALL.
NEVER-THE-LESS...

YES... I AGREE.
.....

WE HAVEN'T CAUGHT UP TO THE FRONT YET AS QUICKLY AS I'D IMAGINED..

BUT IT'S TRUE THAT IT'S TAKING LONGER THAN WE'D AS-SUMED
AHH, TH-THAT'S RIGHT
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THEM THAT PREVENTED THEM FROM RIDING, WE WOULD BE WITH THEM BY NOW.

U-UM, DO YOU THINK THAT THEY'RE OKAY?
IT'S THE OPPO-SITE, GLASS-ES-KUN.
YES, THE OPPO-SITE!
LIKE, UM... MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO KINJOU-SAN AND THE OTHERS... AH, LIKE AN ACCIDENT?!

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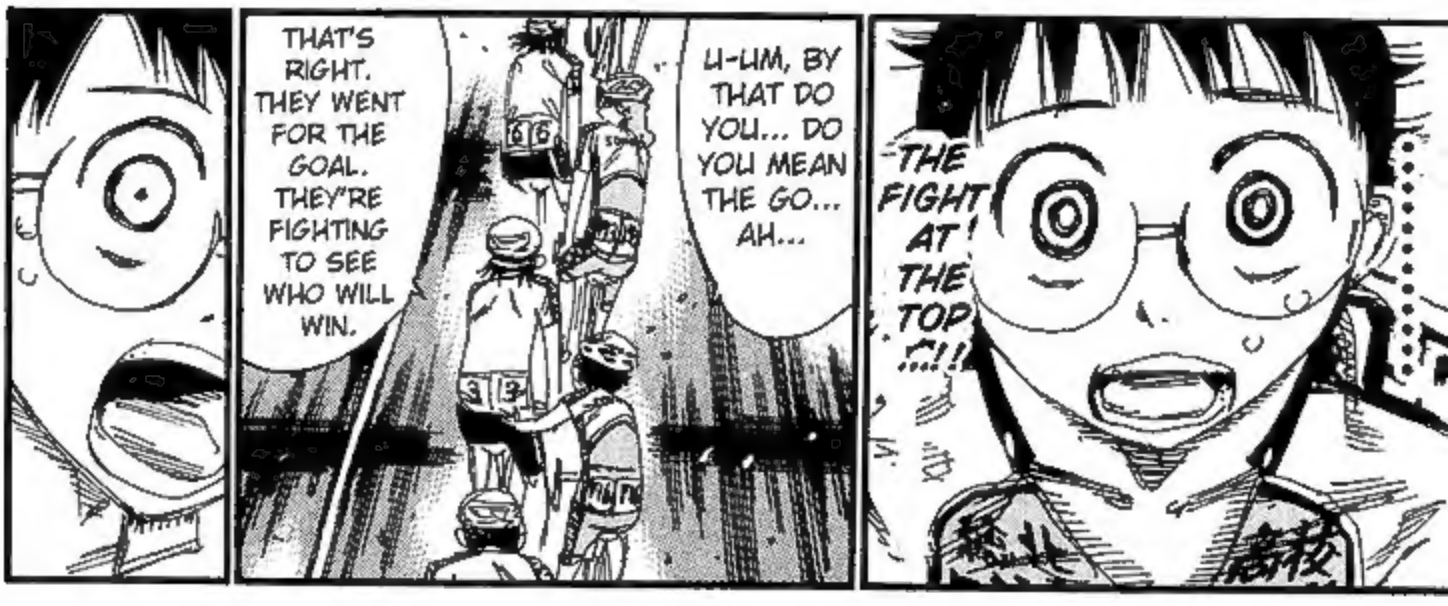
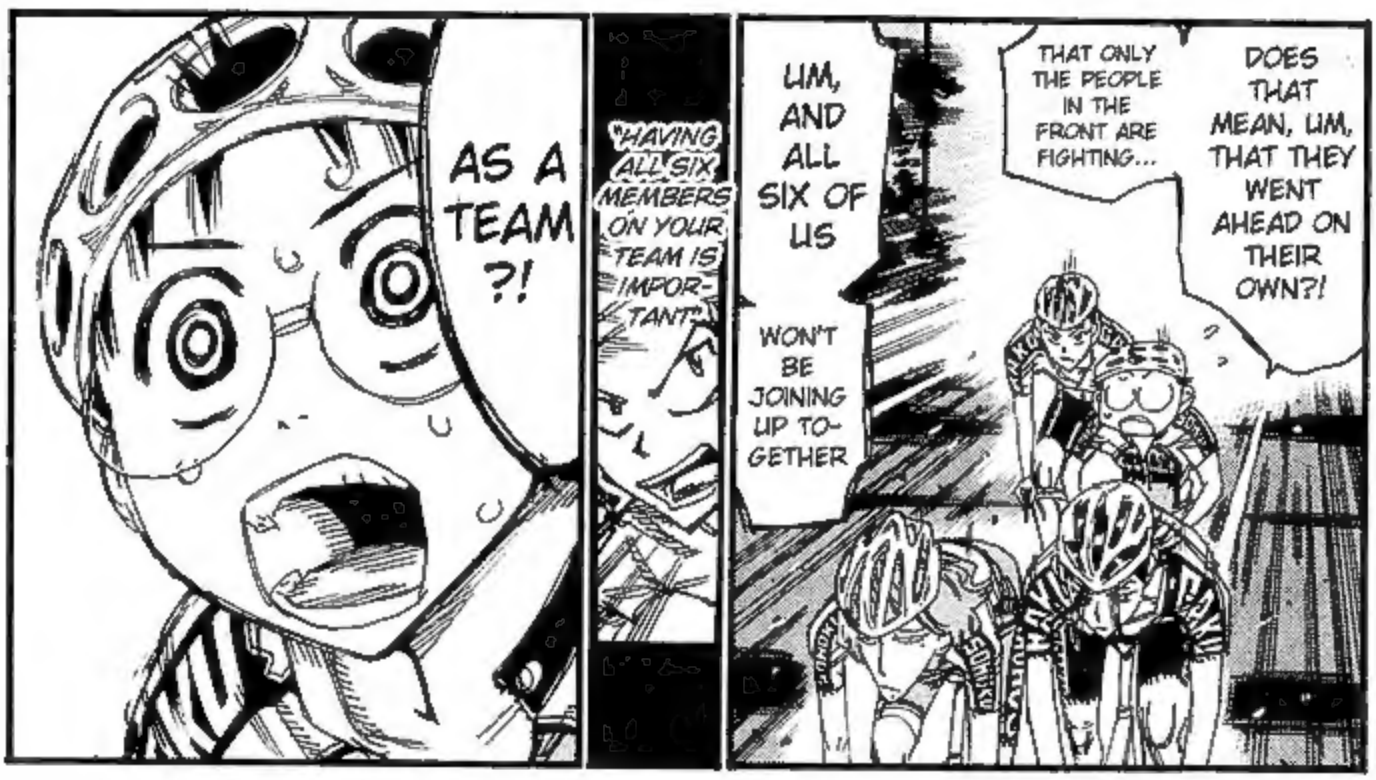
THE FIGHT AT THE TOP
IS AL-READY UNDER-WAY!!


THAT'S RIGHT. THEY WENT FOR THE GOAL. THEY'RE FIGHTING TO SEE WHO WILL WIN.
U-UM, BY THAT DO YOU... DO YOU MEAN THE GO... AH...
THE FIGHT AT THE TOP...!!


AS A TEAM ?!
"HAVING ALL SIX MEMBERS ON YOUR TEAM IS IMPOR-TANT"
UM, AND ALL SIX OF US
WON'T BE JOINING UP TO-GETHER
THAT ONLY THE PEOPLE IN THE FRONT ARE FIGHTING...
DOES THAT MEAN, UM, THAT THEY WENT AHEAD ON THEIR OWN?!

WE ARE COMPET-ING...
AT THIS POINT, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THE CONDITIONS ARE MET OR NOT, GLASSES-KUN.
...IN A FIGHT FOR WHOSE JERSEY PASSES THROUGH THE GOAL FIRST
"THE THIRD DAY"...
.....
"THERE IS NO NEED FOR ALL OF US TO MAKE IT TO THE GOAL"...
YOU MAKE YOUR MOVE WHEN YOU SEE YOUR CHANCE.
TODAY IS THE THIRD DAY... UNLIKE THE FIRST AND SECOND DAYS, THERE IS NO NEED FOR ALL OF US TO MAKE IT TO THE GOAL.
THAT'S THE ORIGINAL NATURE OF THE ROAD RACE.
THAT
IS A VERY LIKELY SCE-NARIO

KIN-JOU--SAN ALSO SAID THAT YES-TER-DAY...

YOU HAVE DONE WELL.
YOU HAVE ALL DONE WELL TO MAKE IT THIS FAR.
YOU SURVIVED THE ANXIETY OF THE FIRST DAY
AND CONQUERED THE LONG TRIALS OF THE SECOND DAY
TADO-KORO. MAKISHI-MA.

AND NARUKO. IMAIZUMI. ONODA.
WOH ?!
EH
THANK YOU.
BUT SO AS IT ALSO IS IN ROAD RACES, EVEN IF YOU'RE FULL OF REGRETS, YOU CAN'T TURN BACK TIME.
I'M NOT SAYING THAT I'M CONTENT WITH SECOND PLACE.
I WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN HERE IF EVEN ONE PERSON HAD BEEN MISSING.
DID YOU PERHAPS EAT SOMETHING THAT'S MADE YOU ILL...?
RIGHT, ONODA-KUN?!
IT'S GROSS SEEING YOU LIKE THAT!
DON'T CATCH US OFF GUARD LIKE THAT!
PRAISE YOUR PAST SELVES
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE. TOMORROW, I WILL BRING THAT CHANCE TO LIFE.
IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I MADE IT THIS FAR.

AND THAT IMAIZUMI BROUGHT ABOUT THE PERFECT ASSIST AT THE END.
THE TEAM KEPT IMAIZUMI UP WHILE HE WAS WEAK-ENED...
ONODA PULLED TADOKORO WHEN HE COULDN'T MOVE. TADOKORO PULLED THE TEAM.
ALL OF YOU!!
IT WAS YOUR BEST WORK.
NOT A SINGLE THING OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE
WAS A MIS-TAKE!!
DON'T LOOK BACK.
WITHOUT THE HARDSHIPS OF THE TRAINING CAMP AND YOUR FIGHT WITH TESHIMA AND AOYAGI, THE SIX OF US HERE NOW WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN.
AS WELL AS OUR MANAGER AND THE ADVICE OF OUR COACH... EVERY-THING INVOLVED HAS SHAPED US TO BRING US HERE NOW.
IS THE THIRD DAY... THE LAST DAY.
AND TOMORROW

YEAAAAH
SHO!
KINJOU-SAN...!!
SAYING CORNY THINGS
"BE PRE-PARED"...
THERE WILL BE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DEVELOP-MENTS FROM WHAT WE'VE ENCOUNTERED BEFORE.
INCLUDING THE HARSH INTENSITY.
IT'S LIKELY THAT TOMOR-ROW, ON THE THIRD AND LAST DAY
EVERYONE WILL FACE IT AS IF THEIR DEATHS WERE ON THE LINE.
TOMOR-ROW IS THE LAST RACE.
HAKOGAKU WILL ALSO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IF THEY SEE THEIR CHANCE.
BUT...
BE PREPARED FOR ONE THING.

LEAVE THEM BEHIND. EVEN IF THEY ARE YOUR TEAMMATE.
IF ANY OF US ARE INJURED, OR HAVE REACHED THEIR LIMIT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESCUE THE OTHERS TOMORROW THE WAY YOU DID TODAY.
ACT ACCORDINGLY TO THE CHANGES AND DON'T LET YOUR ONE CHANCE GET AWAY.
THINGS MIGHT EVEN HAPPEN THAT WE HAVEN'T EXPECTED
THE SITUATION WILL CHANGE MOMENT BY MOMENT.
JUST NEVER FORGET THAT RESOLUTION
WHATEVER YOU DO
THOSE OF US WHO HAVE GRABBED THAT CHANCE CAN JUST RIDE ON CARRYING THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND.
EH
NOT ALL OF US WILL BE MAKING IT TO THE GOAL.
TADOKORO, MAKISHIMA, NARUKO, IMAIZUMI, ONODA, AND I AS WELL...

"THE RESOLUTION TO LEAVE THE OTHERS BEHIND"...
"THE THIRD DAY"...!!
TODAY... IT'S POSSIBLE FOR THE RACE TO END WITHOUT ALL SIX OF US COMING TOGETHER...
BUT
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING... THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I CAN DO...
WHAT'S WITH THE LONG FACE?
IF WE AREN'T JOINING UP WITH EACH OTHER...

IS TELLING ME THAT YOU'RE THINKING, "IF ALL SIX OF US DON'T JOIN UP WITH EACH OTHER, THAT WOULD BE REALLY SAD"
KWAH, THAT FACE
UM, I--
MAKI
SHI-MA-SA...
IT'S OKAY.
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RACE SO I WOULD NEVER THINK THAT WAY, UM--
AH!
THAT'S... NO! I WASN'T FEELING SAD OR--
.....
HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH WINNING OR LOSING
THOSE THOU-GHTS OF YOURS
"I FEEL SAD. I FEEL HAPPY. I WANT TO RIDE WITH EVERYONE."
IT'S OKAY FOR ALL OF OUR THOUGHTS TO BE SCATTERED. THAT'S WHAT UNIFIES
AND PUSHES US FORWARD. IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, THEN *FEEL* IT, WITH ALL OF YOUR MIGHT.
BUT

SURPRISINGLY, THEY'RE WHAT PUSH THE REST OF US FORWARD
OKAY !!
REMEMBER WHAT KINJOU TOLD US FOR TODAY'S ORDER.
"IT'S THE SAME AS YESTERDAY CATCH UP TO ME AS FAST AS YOU CAN."
NOW, LET'S GO!! IMAIZUMI AND KINJOU ARE PROBABLY WORN OUT WAITING FOR US!!
ぱ!?
WHAT TOUDOU SAID IS ONLY A POSSIBILITY. WE CAN STILL CATCH UP TO THEM!!
HA HA HA !!

AAH ?!
WHO DID THE R BEST TO KEEP UP WITH US ARE NOW NOWHERE IN SIGHT
COME TO THINK OF IT, THE TWO KYOTO FUSHIMI MEMBERS
5
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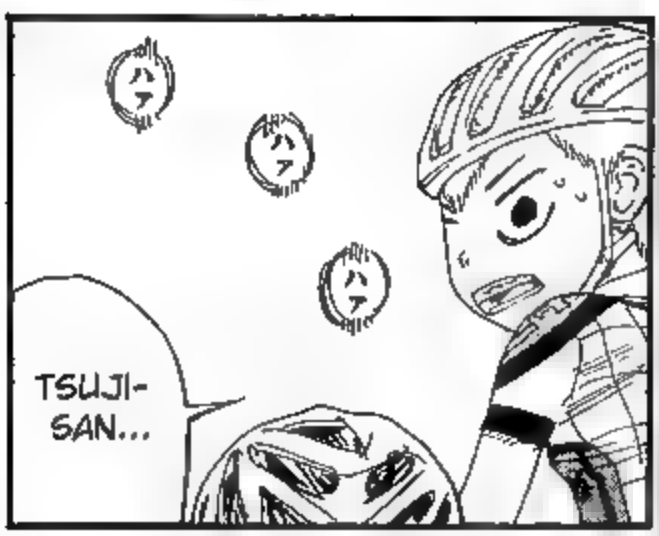
NAGAWA

THEY WON'T BE COMING BACK.
THEY'RE SMALL FRIES WHO GOT DROPPED BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET ON OUR SPEED.
FORGET ABOUT THAT GLOOMY-LOOKING GUY AND THE COPYCAT!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TSUJI-SAN...

JUST KEEP LOOKING AHEAD.
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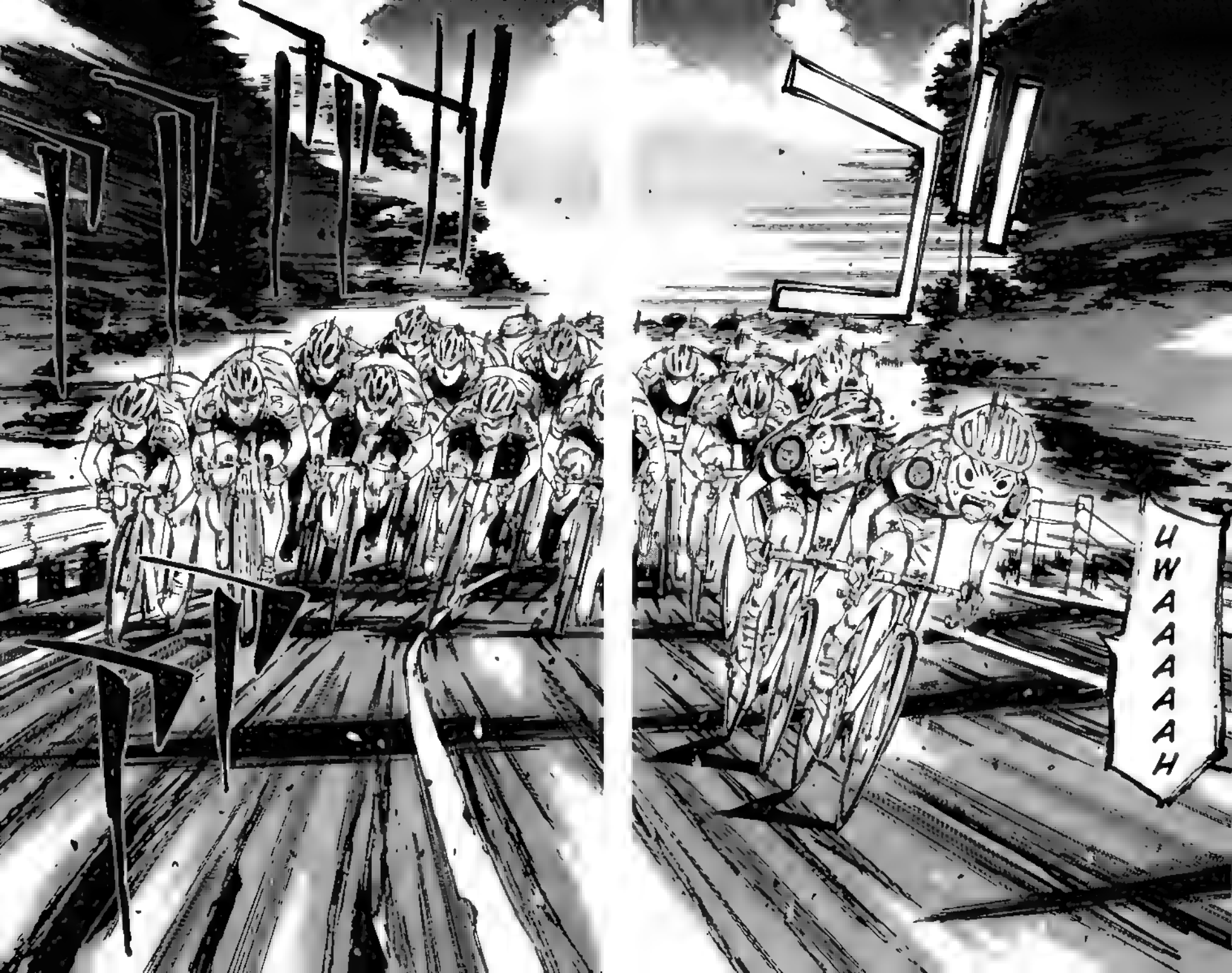
HAKOGAKU AND SOHOKU LEFT US... AND NOW...
DO SOME-THING ...
YOU IDIOT ...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THIS...


UWAAAAAH

UWAA AAAAA AAAH
UWAH
I'VE NEVER SEEN A PACK MOVE AS FAST AS THIS ONE!!
THEY'RE FAST! WHAT'S UP WITH THIS PACK?!
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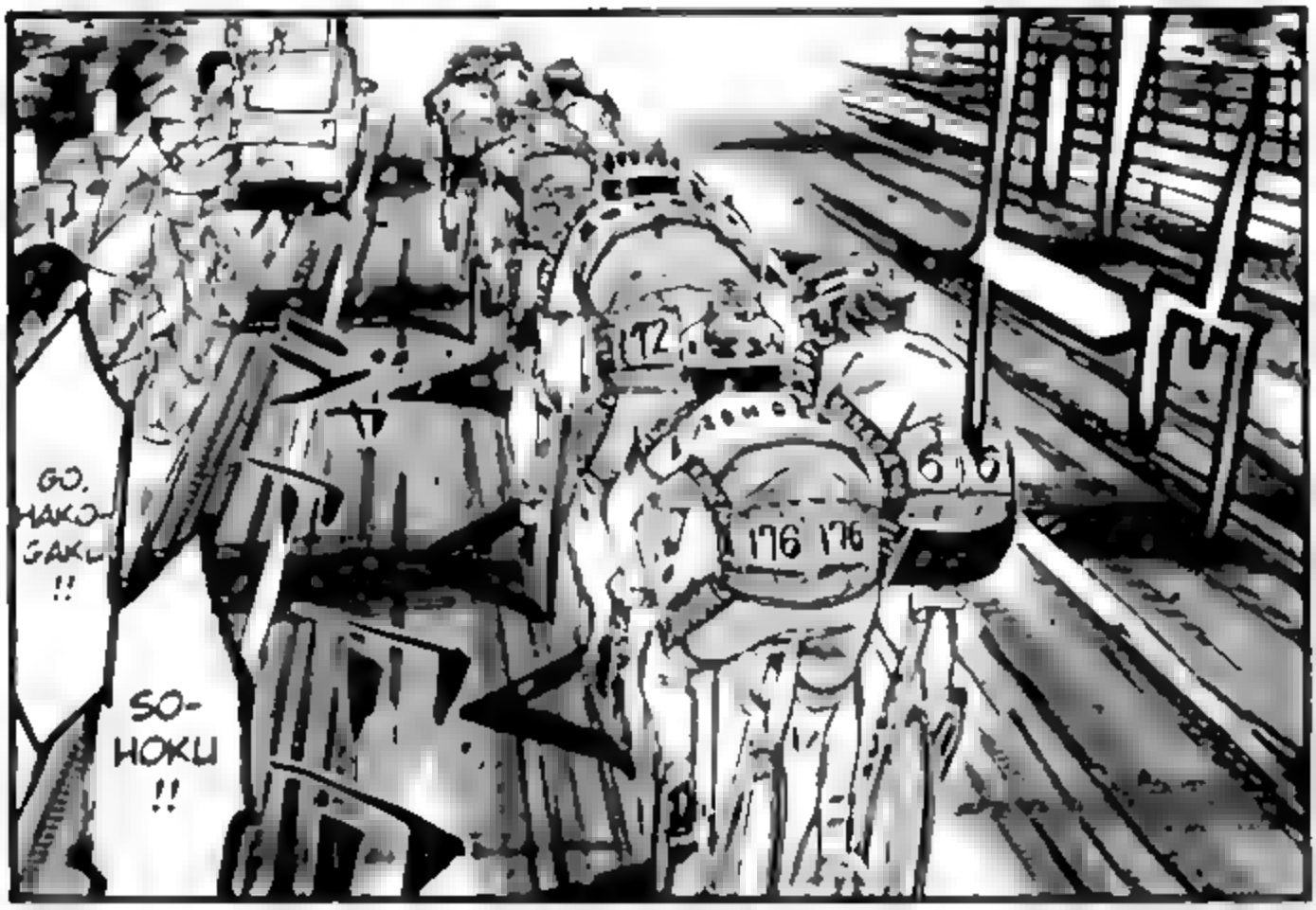
I TOLD YOU
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO
DO SOME-THING, TSUJI-SAN!!
BWAAH
ゴゴゴ

# RIDE.165 HIROSHIMA KUREMINAMI

OKAY
IMAIZUMI AND KINJOU ARE PROBABLY WORN OUT WAITING FOR US!!
WE CAN STILL CATCH UP TO THEM
WE'RE GOING TO CATCH UP WITH THE FRONT!! I WANT
TO BE OF HELP TO THE TEAM TOO!!
Go
FUKUOKA

# RIDE.165 HIROSHIMA KUREMINAMI

WAAAAH


GO, HAKO-GAKU !!
SO-HOKU !!
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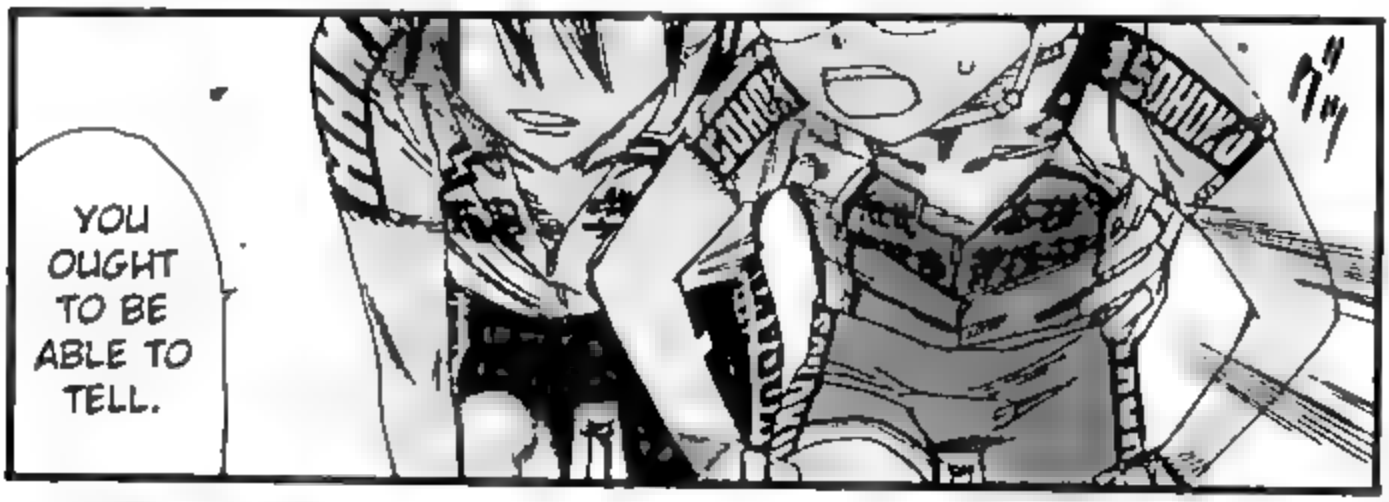
THE KINGS HAKONE ACADEMY, WHO WON FIRST PLACE YESTERDAY
WHO AAA!
THEY'RE COOPER-ATING!!

YOU CAN DO IT!
YIPPP
THEY'VE GOT SUCH POWER-FUL AURA!
IT'S GONNA BE A BATTLE UP AHEAD!
UWAAH SO PEPPY! MAYBE I... DRIVE THE CAR TO END A SHUT UP AHEAD
THE YOU BE ENDS AHEAD
IT'LL BE A THREE TEAM SHOW-DOWN!
WAIT, THERE'S STILL KYO-FUSH!
MAKU-GAKU OR SOHOKU!
THIS YEAR'S CHAMPION IS EITHER GONNA BE
THEY CAME FASTER THAN I THOUGHT
COME ON, DO YOUR BEST!
OH? HEY LOOK! AH, THERE ARE OTHERS COMING!
LET'S SEE, ONE TWO
THREE
EH
12

HOLY CRAP!! IT'S LIKE LIVING THE DREAM !!
AND CHIBA SOHOKU WHO WON SECOND ARE WORKING TOGETHER !!
THIS HAS GOTTA BE THE STRON-GEST TAG TEAM EVER!
GO CATCH UP TO THE FRONT !!
12
TUUN!

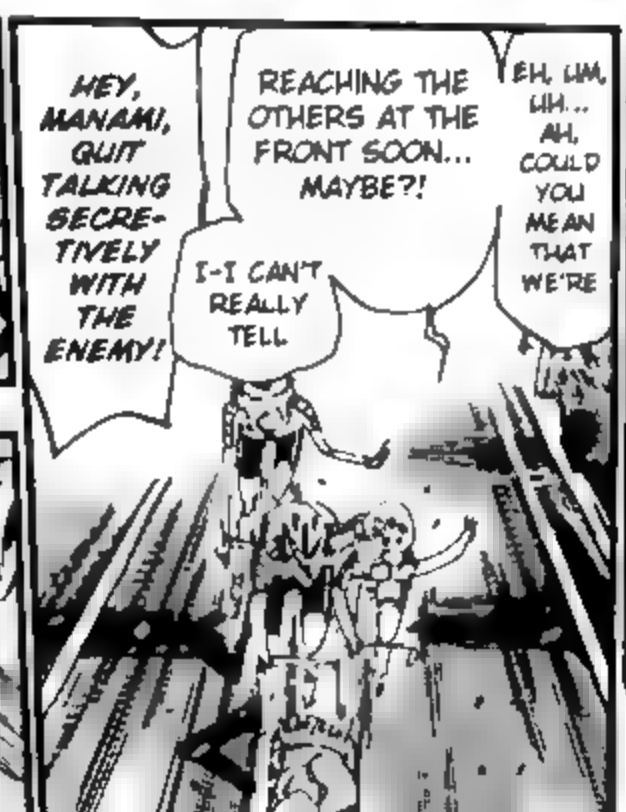
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
.....
.....
SAKA-MICHI-KUN
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE GIVING OFF SPARKS OF ANXIETY.. UM...
MANAMI-KUN, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ACTING LIKE YOURSELF
THERE IS SOME-THING GOING ON, IS THERE?

DO YOU FEEL IT?
LISTEN CLOSELY WITH YOUR HEART...


YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO TELL.

NOT THE FRONT

BEHIND US


HEY, MANAMI, QUIT TALKING SECRETIVELY WITH THE ENEMY!
REACHING THE OTHERS AT THE FRONT SOON... MAYBE?!
I-I CAN'T REALLY TELL
EH, UM, UH... AH, COULD YOU MEAN THAT WE'RE

EH?!
EH?! HE'S REALLY CLOSE
MANAMI-KUN?!
WHAT?

THOSE SPARKS OF ANXIETY THAT YOU FELT
MA-MANAMI-KUN!
SOME-THING IS... EH... UWAH!
WHAT IS THAT?
MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN COMING FROM ME

IT'LL BE HERE SOON
ARA-KITA-SAN
AH?! WHAT IS?!

!?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU WHISPERING ABOUT WITH HIM ANYWAY?!
YOU AREN'T GIVING AWAY OUR ORDERS ARE YO--
AH?!
A LOT OF . A RUSH THAT GOES LIKE "WHOOSH!" . YOU KNOW
NO, I DON'T KNOW!

*SNIFF SNIFF

KWAH...
YEAH... TO BE HONEST...
WE'RE IN SERIOUS SHIT
WHAT?
HEY, MAKI-SHIMA!
!!
MY LEFT PECTO-RAL, FRANK IS...?!

I NEVER IMAG-INED THIS!!
ONE SIDE OF THE EXPRESSWAY CLOSED FOR INTER-HIGH

WHEN MANA-MI-KUN SAID
"EH, THE WEATHER?"
"IT MIGHT GET STORMY FROM HERE"
THAT IT WAS ABOUT TO GET STORMY
THIS IS WHAT HE MEANT!
THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM!
TCH!
FUCK ING AN-NOY-ING!!
DAMN IT!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
WE KNOW !!
THE REAR PACK IS COMING AT US FAST!!
MAKI-CHAN !!

EH
EH
!!

IT'S HAKO-GAKU AND SO-HOKU
HIROSHIMA KUREMINAMI...
MACHIMIYA?!
HAKOJA
HIM... HE'S THE ONE WHO...
THAT WOULD NOR-MALLY BE DIVIDED ON THE THIRD DAY, AND GOT ALL THE WAY HERE?!
FUCKING HALF-WIT!! ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT HE UNITED THE REAR PACK
TCH !!
SNAP THEM UP!!

WE'LL GET SWALLOWED IN AT THIS RATE! WHAT DO WE DO?!
ARA-KITA-SAN!

TAKE TOUDOU AND GET OUTTA HERE !!
IZU-MI-DA!
DAMN IT!! FUKU-CHAN'S ORDER IS...
TCH, NO OTHER WAY

ARA-
KITA
WHAT ABOUT YOU, ARAKITA-SAN?!
NAGAWA
ちっ
YOU GUYS GO CATCH UP WITH FUKU-CHAN BY ALL MEANS NECESSARY
FOR NOT PREDICTING THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN
I'LL CONTROL THIS PACK AND SLOW IT DOWN
IT WAS MY MIS-TAKE
ARA-KITA-SAN !!
.....!!
MAN, THIS IS TIRING

UWAH
AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAHH
THEY'RE FAST!!
FAST
THEY'RE COMING!! I'M BEING DRAGGED IN!!
THEY'RE COMING!!
GRAB ON!!
ONODA-KUN, YOU CAN'T FALL OUT OF THE LINE!
BUT IT'S NO USE
AND PEDALING!!
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ハアッ
ハアッ
I KEEP PEDALING!!
GO!!

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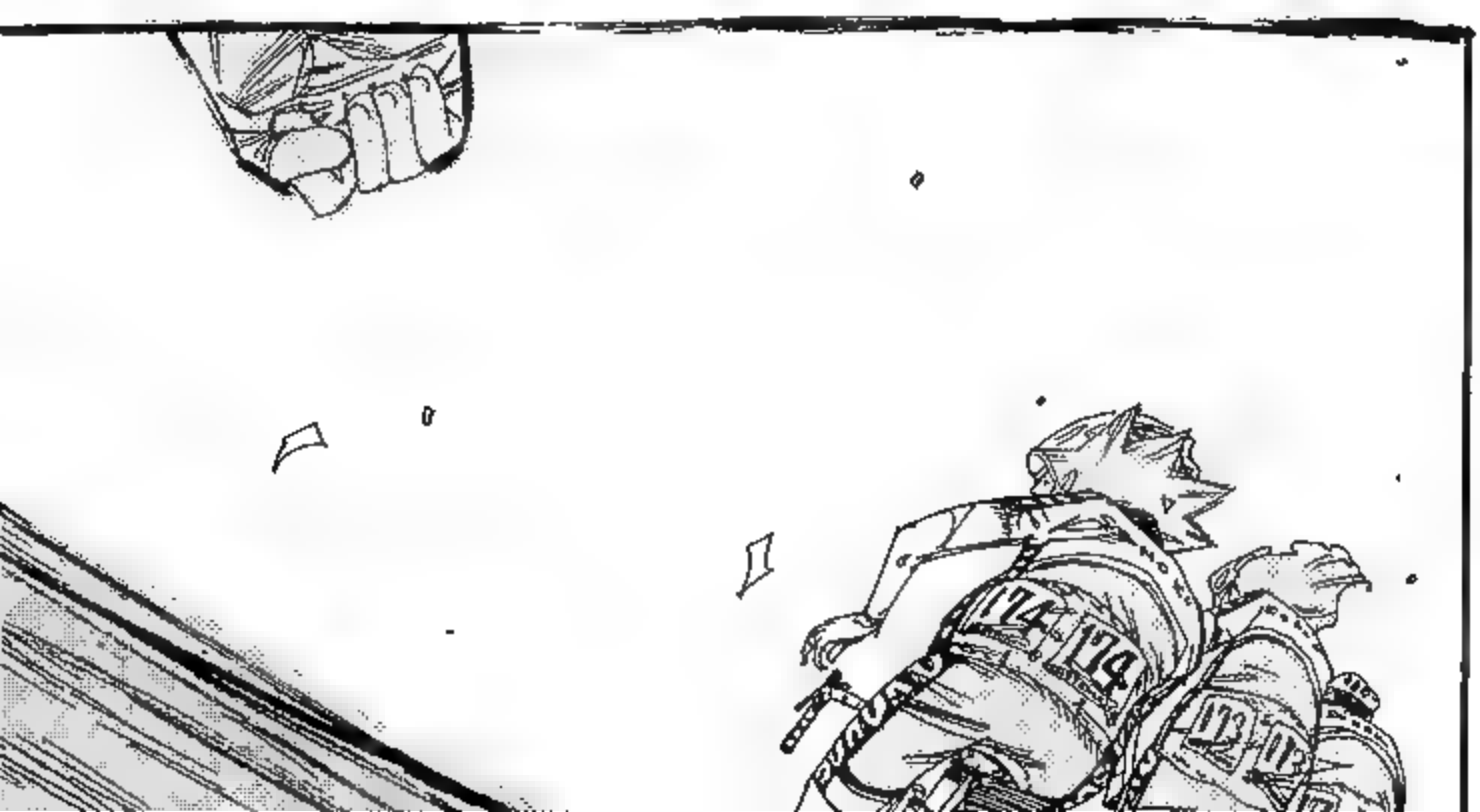
"NOT ALL OF US WILL BE MAKING IT TO THE GOAL TOMORROW"

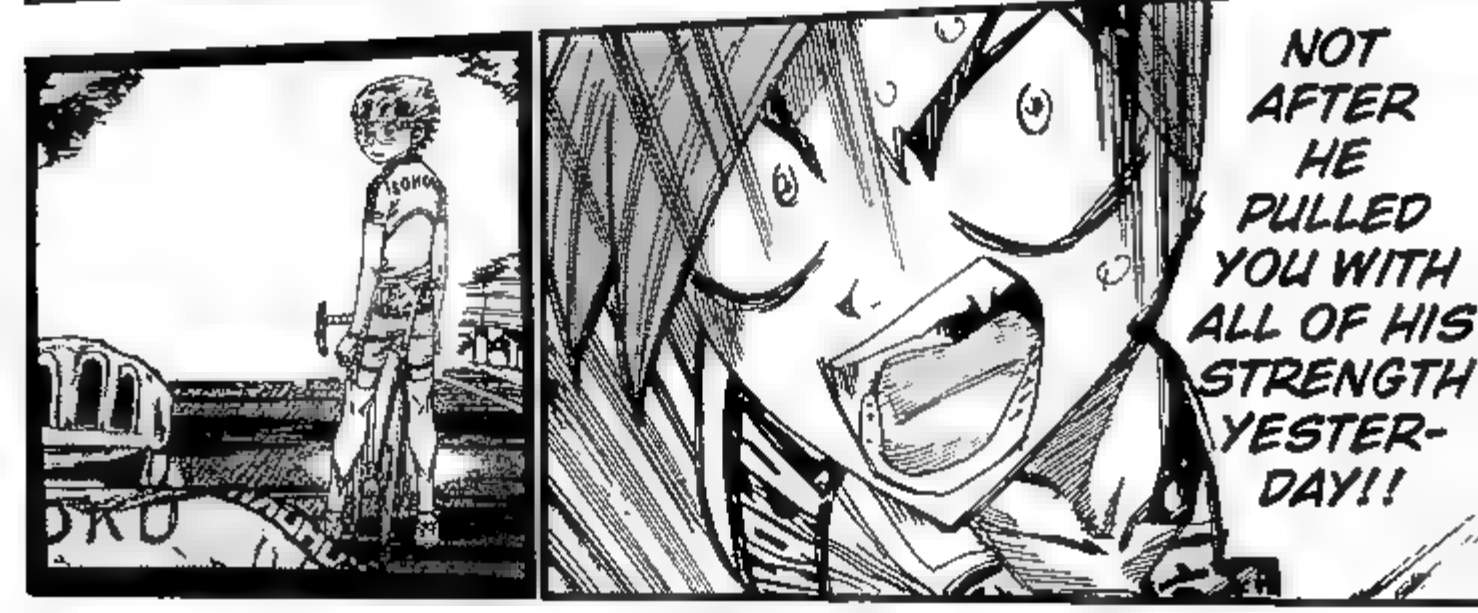
YOU PUSH THE REST OF US FORWARD



ONODA-KUUUN!!
MOVE UP, NARU-KO

DIDN'T YOU JUST SEE WHAT HAP-PENED?! ONO-DA-KUN IS CAU-GHT IN THE PACK, WE HAVE TO--
I TOLD YOU TO PULL!!
WE HAVE TO CATCH UP TO KIN-JOU!!

OLD MAN !!
YOU WOULDN'T ABANDON HIM, RIGHT?! NOT ONODA-KUN...


NOT AFTER HE PULLED YOU WITH ALL OF HIS STRENGTH YESTER-DAY!!

DON'T LOOK BACK.
NA-RU-KO

IF YOU LOOK BACK, SOHOKU'S RACE IS OVER!!
DAMN IT
WE'RE RIDING SO THAT WE CAN WIN
WE'RE LEAV-ING ONODA!!

THEY'RE GONE...
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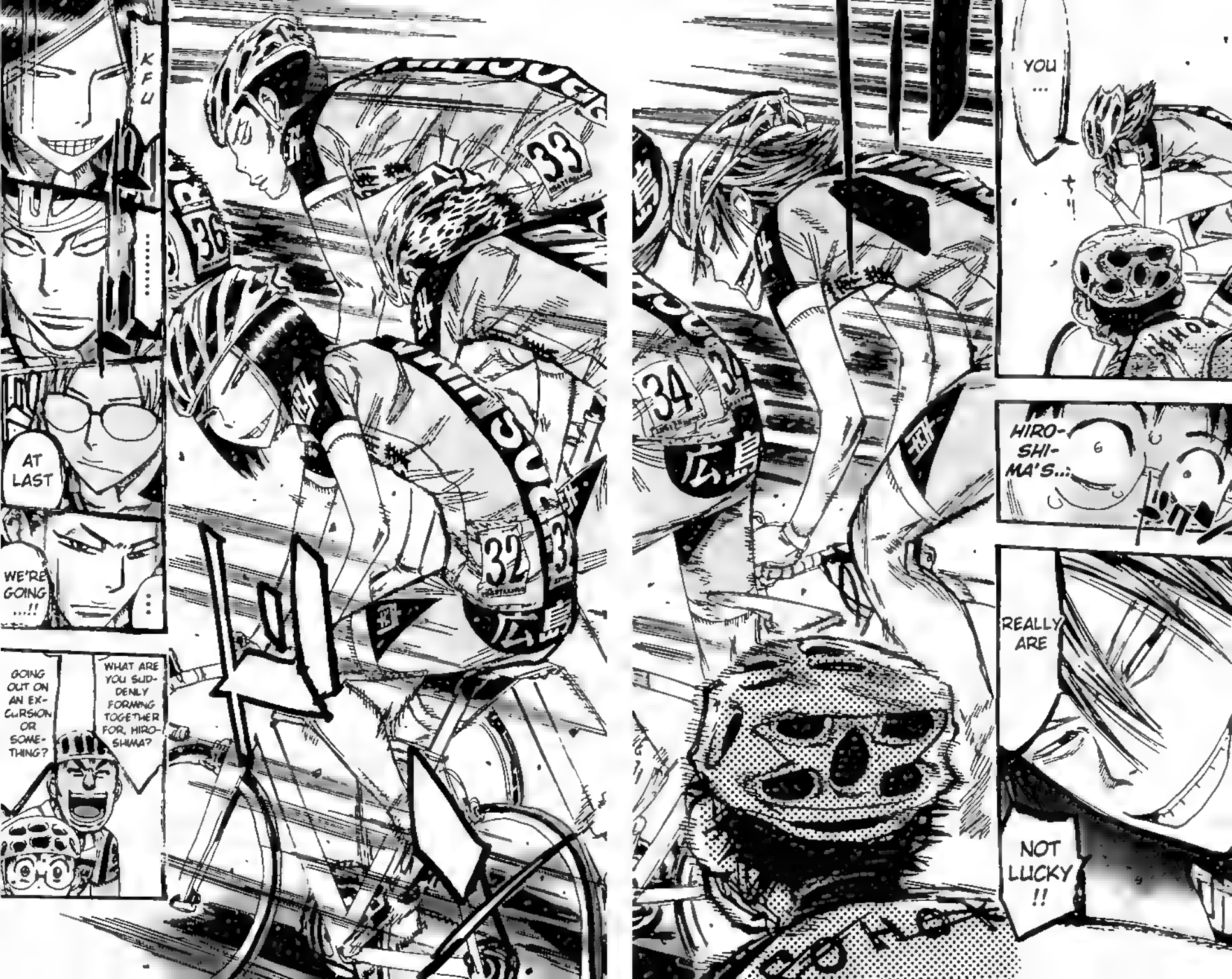
...I'M A FOOL
W... WE WERE SUPPOSED TO JOIN UP SO THAT ALL SIX OF US COULD BE TOGETHER...
JUST LIKE THAT...
I GOT SEPARATED FROM THE TEAM...

TO BE OF HELP TO THEM!!
I WANTED TO RIDE WITH EVERYONE...
I WANTED TO...

GOT LEFT BEHIND, HUH! DON'T MAKE THAT SAD FACE, SOHOKU CLIMBER-KUN!!
Y YOU'RE FROM KUMA-MO-TO.
WA HA HA HA
SOHOKU
!
TO THE FRONT !!
DON'T YOU WORRY!! THIS PACK IS HEADED
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL
OH
OUR LEADER ORGA-NIZED US TO-GETHER!!
THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING TO CATCH UP TO YOU!
WE'RE... CATCH-ING UP... TO THEM?!
EH, THE FRO.
HE LOOKS CHEAP AT FIRST, BUT HE'S GOT SPUNK. HE'S A MAN WHO CAN BE TRUSTED!!
LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU HE'S THIS PACK'S LEADER
!
AS LONG AS WE ALL WORK TO-GETHER WITH UNITED HEARTS!!
SURE, SURE !!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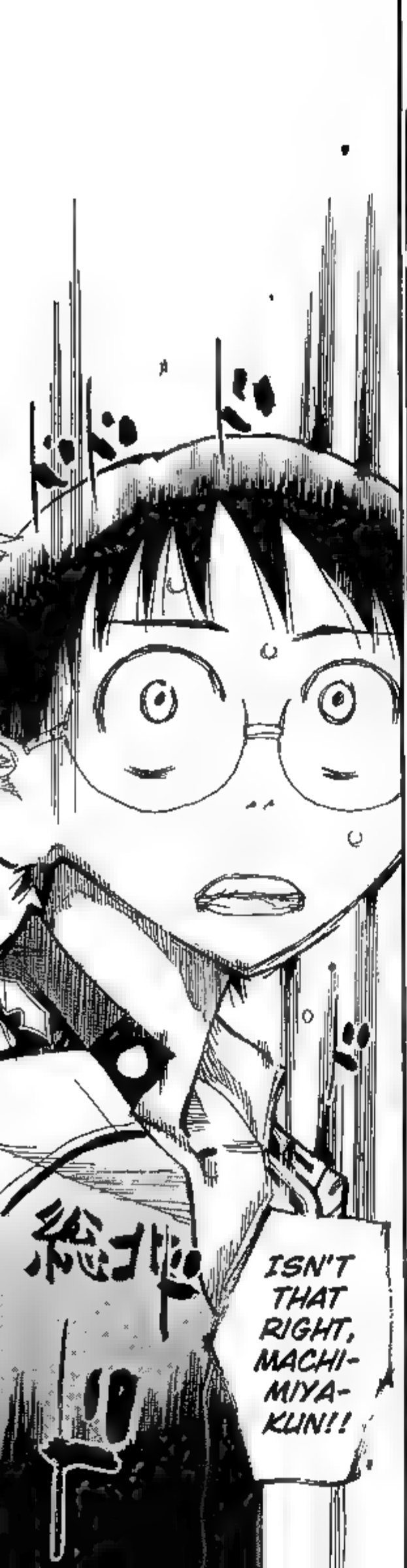
.....
AT LAST
WE'RE GOING ...!!
WHAT ARE YOU SUDDENLY FORMING TOGETHER FOR, HIROSHIMA?
GOING OUT ON AN EXCURSION OR SOMETHING?
YOU ...
HIRO-SHI-MA'S...
REALLY ARE
NOT LUCKY !!

TO GET TO THE FRONT
YEAH. WE'RE LEAVING YOU GUYS
WAIT! YOU SAID THIS PACK WAS GOING TO THE FRONT! THIS ISN'T--
YOU DID GOOD WORK NOW GO DROP OUT WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT
AS IF I'D BE FOOL ENOUGH TO BRING MY ENEMIES ALONG
MORON


ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MACHI-MIYA-KUN!!

WAHAHA! IT SEEMS THAT I'VE MIS-HEARD!!

I WAS ONLY HEARING THINGS. DON'T YOU WORRY, SOHOKU CLIMBER-KUN!
I THOUGHT I HEARD MACHIMIYA-KUN CALL ME A "MORON" FOR A SECOND
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WE'LL CATCH UP WITH THEM SOON ENOUGH!!
YOU WERE SEPARATED FROM YOUR TEAM, BUT THAT'S OKAY!
WE UNITED OUR HEARTS TO GO TO THE FRONT
THIS PACK IS ONE TEAM!!

MORON
EH EH !!
IT'S NOT JUST YOUR FACE THAT'S A SORRY MESS, YOUR EARS AND BRAINS ARE TOO!!
I'LL SAY IT ONE MORE TIME SO YOUR SORRY FACE CAN GET IT.
EH EH !!
THERE'S NO WAY I'D BRING MY ENEMIES WITH ME TO THE FRONT
NORMALLY YOU'D SAY "SORRY BRAINS," YOU KNOW
WE HAVE NO NEED FOR YOU ANY-MORE
AFTER A BOTTLE'S BEEN FINISHED
YOU THROW IT AWAY
...THESE PEOPLE
MAKE MY HAIR STAND ON END
THE ONES TO REACH THE FRONT

RIDE.166 THE TERRIBLE MACHIMIYA
WILL BE THE SIX TEAM MEMBERS OF HIRO-SHIMA ALONE!!

THEY JUMP-ED OUT!!
THE WAY YOU DUMP PEOPLE IS DOWN-RIGHT NASTY, MIYA
EH EH!!
IS THAT A COMPLI-MENT, IBITANI?
THE SAME WAY YOU DUMP WOMEN!!
WHEN YOU DUMP SOME-ONE, YOU GOTTA DO IT FLAT OUT.
IF YOU SHOW SYMPATHY, IT'LL BE LIKE DIGGING A KNIFE INTO THE WOUND.

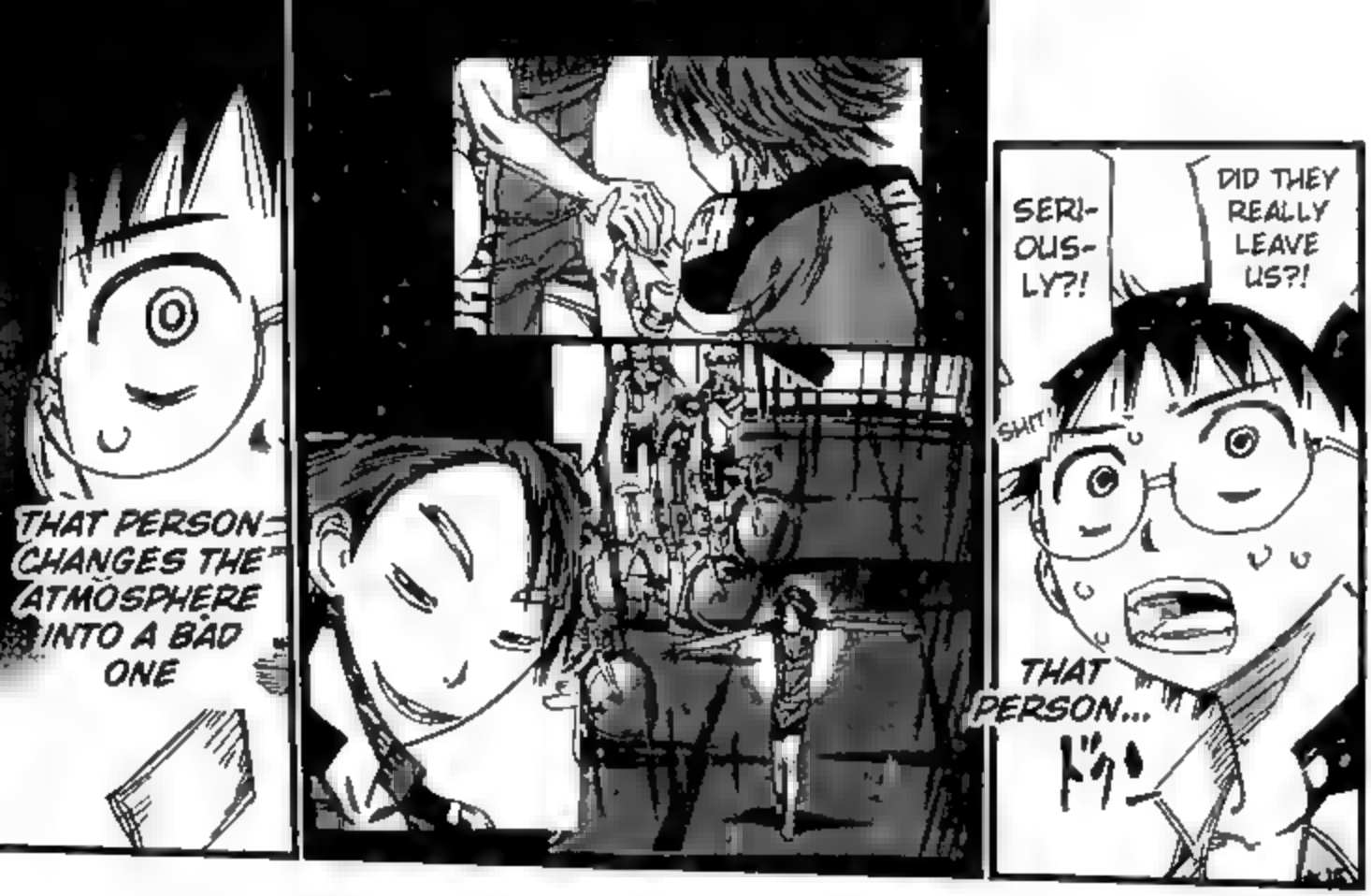
BUT HIS METH-ODS IN ROAD RACING ARE JUSTIFI-ABLE!!
I WAS TALK-ING ABOUT THE RACE! BUT IT DOESN'T HURT BEING POPULAR
REMEMBER HOW THAT CUTE SOHOKU FIRST-YEAR TALKED TO ME?
SHE WAS LOOKING AT ME WITH LUST IN HER EYES, NO MIS-TAKE!!
THERE IT IS, EIKICHI-SAN'S PECULIAR SELF-LOGIC! ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT WOMEN OR THE RACE?
FINALLY... I CAN RIDE...
E.KICHI-SENPAI IS VULGAR.
THAT WAS ABOUT WOMEN JUST NOW! RIGHT, MIYA?!!

RIDDEN AT OUR FULLEST YET!!
THE THIRD DAY HAS BEGUN
AND WE HAVE NOT ONCE
SWITCH SHIONO

HIRO-
SHI-
MA?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HIRO-SHIMA HAS SUD-DENLY GONE AHEAD!
I BET THEY'RE CHASING THE SOHOKU AND HAKO-GAKU GROUP AHEAD OF US TO BRING THEM BACK INTO THE PACK
THEN WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
ME TOO
NO, I HEARD THEM SAY WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER TO REACH THE FRONT
ARE THEY ATTACK-ING?
THAT GUY MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF PLAN! HE LOOKS CHEAP AT FIRST BUT
WA HA HA HA HA
TAURA-SAN!!
DON'T YOU GET IT, WE'VE BEEN TRICKED, TAURA-SAN!!
WHY IS HI-RO-SHIMA LEAV-ING?!
WHO TALKED TO MACHI-MIYA LAST?!
JUST THE SIX OF THEM THOUGH?!

ISE
BUT WHAT IS THERE WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT
WE'VE BEEN RIDING AT FULL POWER THIS WHOLE TIME, DOING WHAT HE SAID TO REACH THE FIRST GROUP OF SOHOKU AND HAKONE ACADEMY
WE NO LONGER HAVE SPRINTERS
WITH THE STRENGTH LEFT TO CHASE AFTER THEM...

SHIT!! I THOUGHT I HAD ANOTHER CHANCE!!
I THOUGHT OUR PACE WAS TOO HIGH
BUT
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THOSE GUYS. .
THEY TRICK-ED US !!
KA
DAMN IT!
NEVER PULLED THIS PACK ONCE...!!
I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO THE FRONT!
GET MOV-ING, GUYS!!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS IN THE FRONT DOING?!
HEY, THE SPEED IS DROP-PING!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU PULL!
DON'T WAVE YOUR HANDS AROUND LIKE THAT!
WHY ISN'T HIRO-SHIMA COMING BACK?!


THAT PERSON CHANGES THE ATMOSPHERE INTO A BAD ONE
SERI-OUS-LY?!
DID THEY REALLY LEAVE US?!
SHIT!
THAT PERSON...
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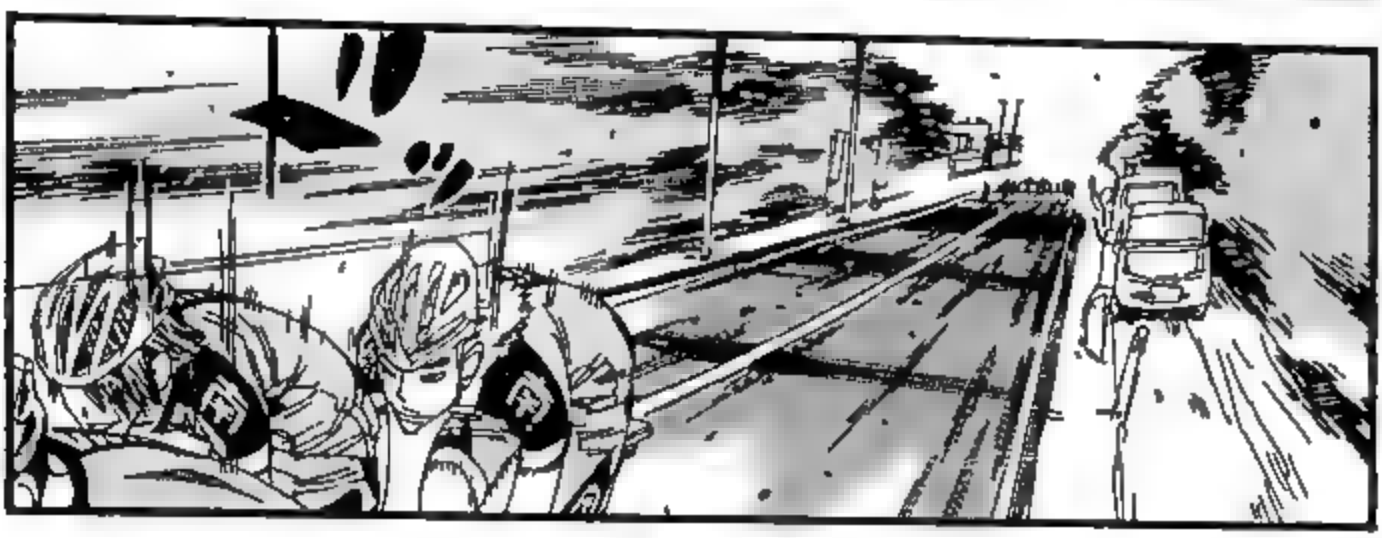

IT'S THEIR FAULT FOR TRUSTING ME...
EH EH..
YOU MADE IT THAT WAY

A PACK THAT'S DIVIDED
QUICKLY LOSES SPEED !!

KEH...
THEY MUST BE IN A PANIC RIGHT ABOUT NOW
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IT ONLY SERVES THEM RIGHT!!
FOR GIVING THEIR "HOPE" TO OTHER PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF
HIRASH

RETIRE
OR FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES FOR THE LOWEST POSITION!!
PUPPETS LIKE THEM CAN EITHER
AS FOR US, IN THE MEANTIME...
NOW...
WHY DON'T WE CATCH THE PREY THAT MANAGED TO ESCAPE US!!

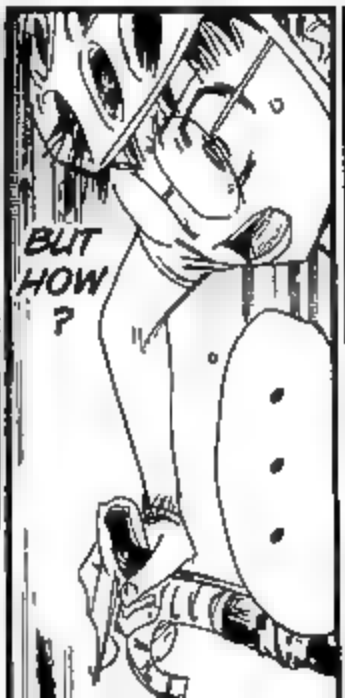
HIRO-SHIMA IS HERE!!
EVEN THAT RUDE GUY WHO CUT IN FRONT OF US!
THEY FORMED THE PACK TO-GETHER TO COME THIS FAR
THEN DROPPED THEM RIGHT WHEN IT WAS THE PERFECT TIME TO CATCH US!
ABS ABS ABS ABS
THEY'RE PLANNING TO REACH THE FRONT IN ONE GO ON FRESH LEGS!!

HI-
RO-
SHI-
MA
!!

I CAN'T GO ON!
DAMN IT!
DAMN IT, I CAN'T REACH THEM!
SHIT!
AND, AFTER HE UNSETTLES THEM, HE BREAKS THEM...
DISTURBS EVERYONE'S PEACE OF MIND
THAT PERSON...
EVERYONE'S DOING THEIR BEST TO FIGHT PROUDLY, WITH HONOR, AND HE...
AND IN FRONT OF THEM
ARE IMAIZUMI-KUN AND KINJOU-SAN
TADOKORO-SAN, MAKISHIMA-SAN... AND NARUKO-KUN ARE THERE AHEAD OF ME...
I CAN'T.
I CAN'T LET HIM TOUCH THEM
NOT HIM.

HE'S THE ONLY ONE
THAT I—
I CAN'T HAVE GOING AHEAD !!

I'VE JUST BEEN LEFT BEHIND AGAIN
AND THEY HAVE MORE PEOPLE...


BUT HOW ?

I HAVE TO GO AFTER HIM !!

"COOP-ERA-TION"!!
WHA--
AH.
WHAT DO I DO?
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HUH...? I'M... AL-READY...
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WILL YOU PLEASE COOP-ERATE WITH ME?!
THE MORE PEOPLE, THE FASTER THE SPEED!
UM!
EX...EXCUSE ME, UM... I WANT TO CHASE AFTER THAT PERSON RIGHT NOW, SO...
AH, I'LL ASK THAT PERSON IN THE BLUE JERSEY
E-EX-CU-SE ME!
I WANT TO CHASE AFTER THOSE IN THE FRONT, SO WON'T YOU PLEASE COOP-ERATE WITH ME?!
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...I HAVE TO HURRY
HUR-RY...
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WILL YOU PLEASE COOP-ERATE WITH ME?!
EXCUSE ME, UM!
ARE YOU CRAZY?
IM-PO S-SI-BLE
EXCUSE ME, I WANT TO CHASE AFTER THAT PERSON!

AH?!
HOLY SHIT, IT'S YOU, SKINNY FOUR-EYES!
?!
THE TYPE THAT I'M NOT REALLY GOOD WITH...
ERATE ...
COOP ...
HAKONE ACADEMY'S #2 PERSON...

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I WANT TO CHASE AFTER THOSE IN THE FRONT, SO WON'T YOU PLEASE COOPERATE WITH ME?!
E-EX-CUSE ME!
AH, I'LL ASK THAT PERSON IN THE BLUE JERSEY
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# RIDE.167 ARAKITA

SAKAMICHI OKODA

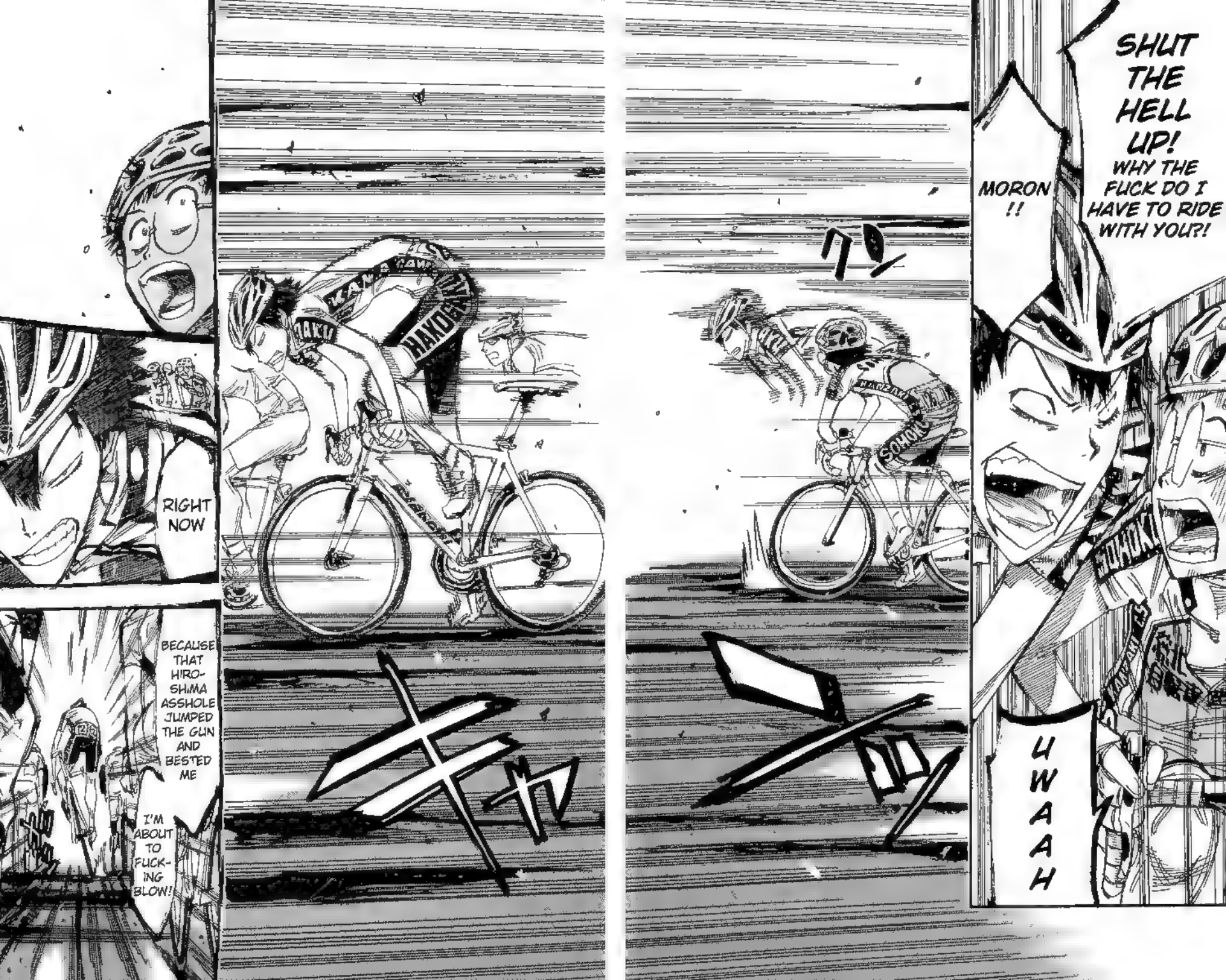
HAKONE ACADEMY'S #2 PERSON...
THE TYPE THAT I'M NOT REALLY GOOD WITH...

PLEASE WORK WITH ME TO CHASE AFTER THE FRONT?!
PLE-ASE, UM, CAN YOU
UM

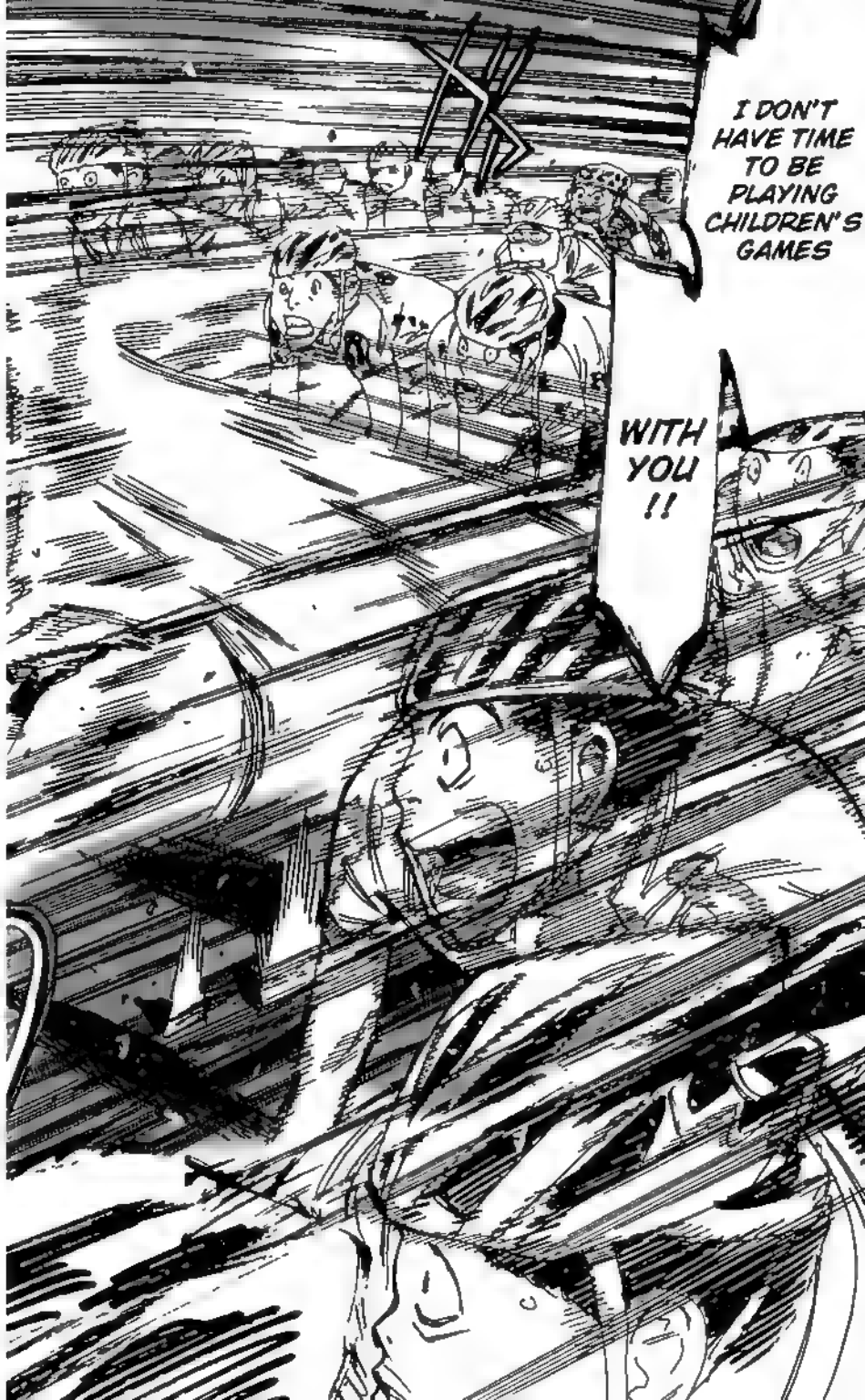
I DON'T WANT THAT HIROSHIMA PERSON NEAR MY TEAM

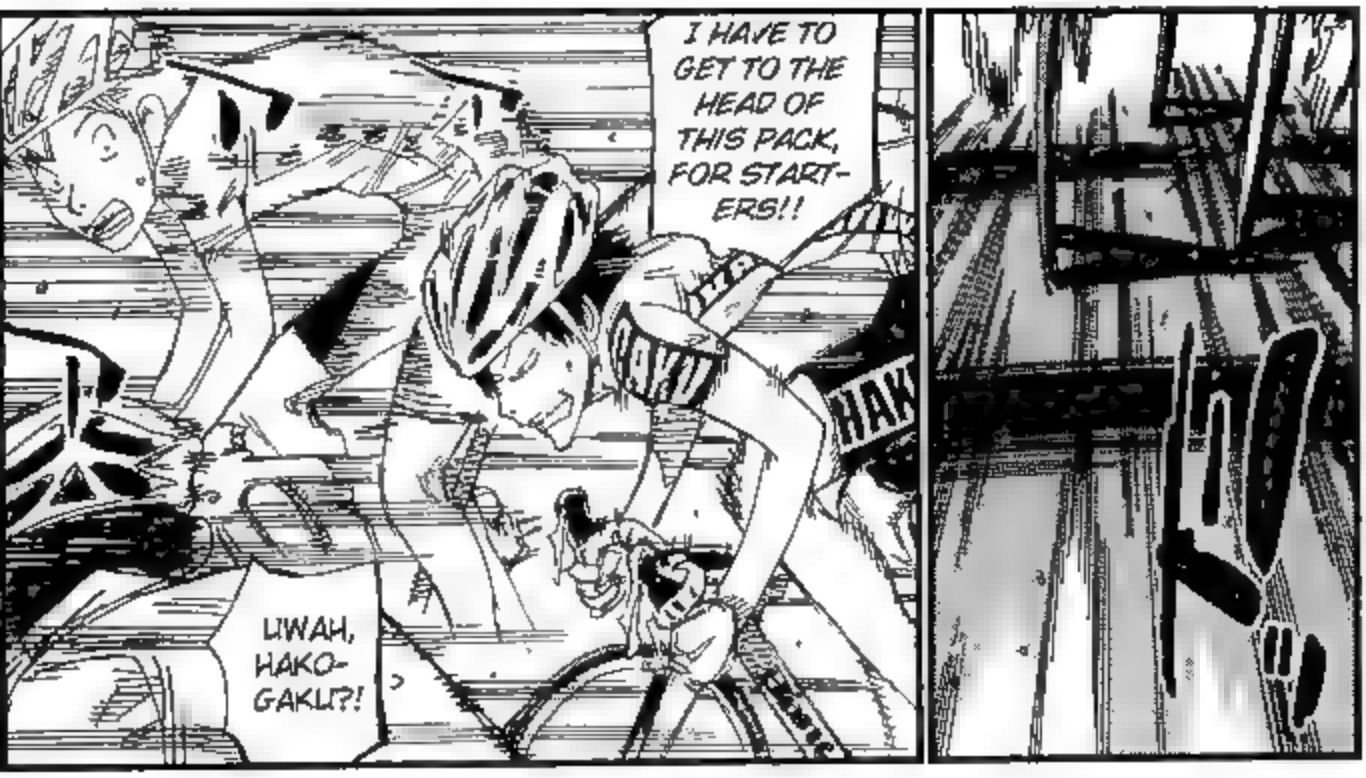
SO I'LL ...!!

I HAVE TO GO AFTER THAT HIROSHIMA PERSON
BUT


RIGHT NOW
BECAUSE THAT HIRO-SHIMA ASSHOLE JUMPED THE GUN AND BESTED ME
I'M ABOUT TO FUCK-ING BLOW!
TAKU
KANAZAWA
HAKODATE
SOMOKU
MORON !!
SHUT THE HELL UP!
WHY THE FUCK DO I HAVE TO RIDE WITH YOU?!
UWAAH

MOVE!! GET THE FUCK OUTTA MY WAY!
THAT FUCKING HIROSHIMA TRASH!
WHAT IS HAKOGAKU DOING HERE?!
UWAAAH!
HE'S FAST!!
UWAH, IT'S HAKOGAKU!
WHOA, HAKOGAKU!
KANAGAWA
GAKU
KOGA
BICYCLE


I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE PLAYING CHILDREN'S GAMES
WITH YOU!!


I HAVE TO GET TO THE HEAD OF THIS PACK, FOR STARTERS!!
HAK
UWAH, HAKOGAKU?!

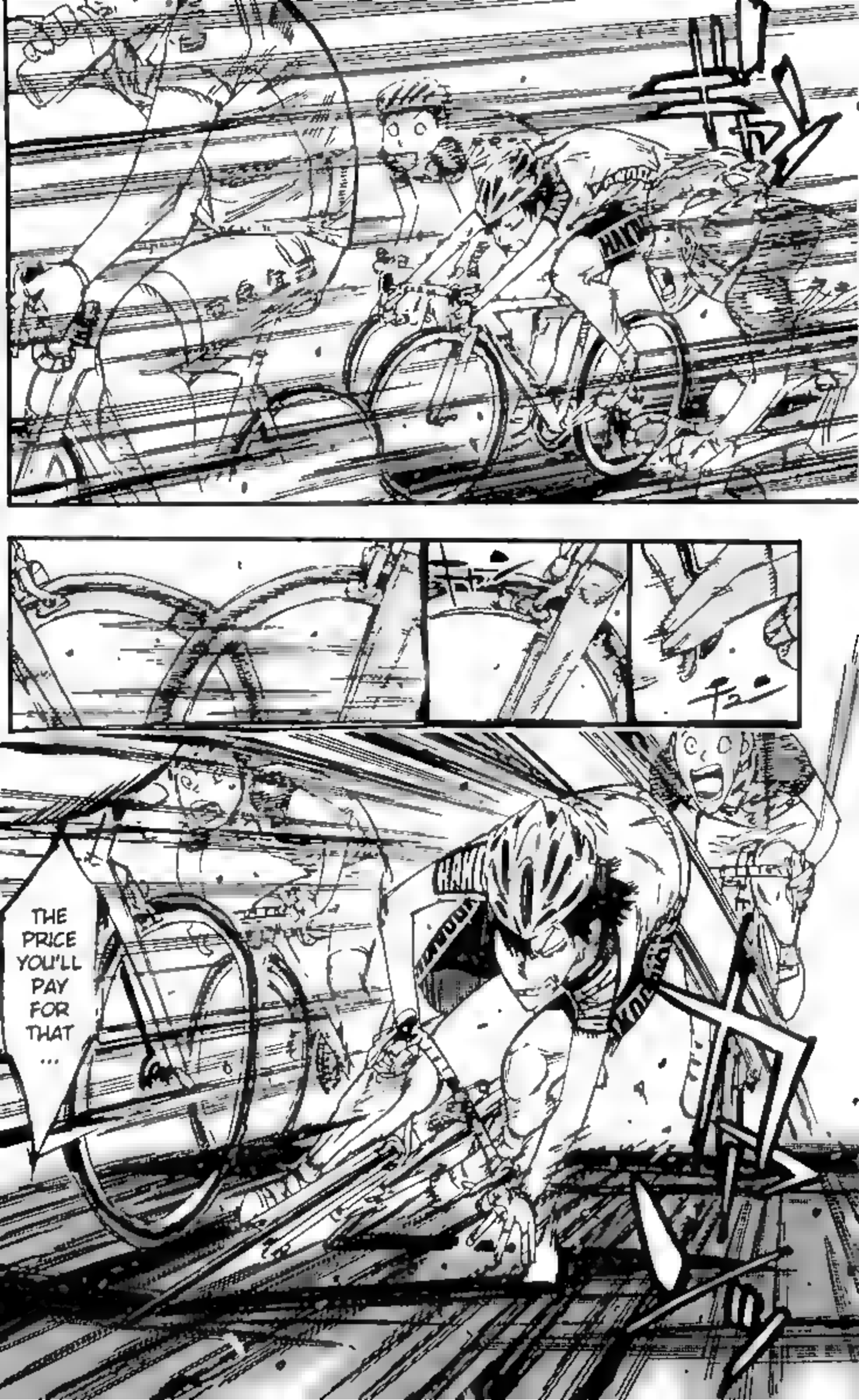
THE FIRST WAS WHEN I LET THAT BASTARD'S CHEAP TRICK BEFORE THE STARTING DASH MESS UP MY PACE
AND NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE!
SHIT!! I MADE THE WRONG DECISION!!

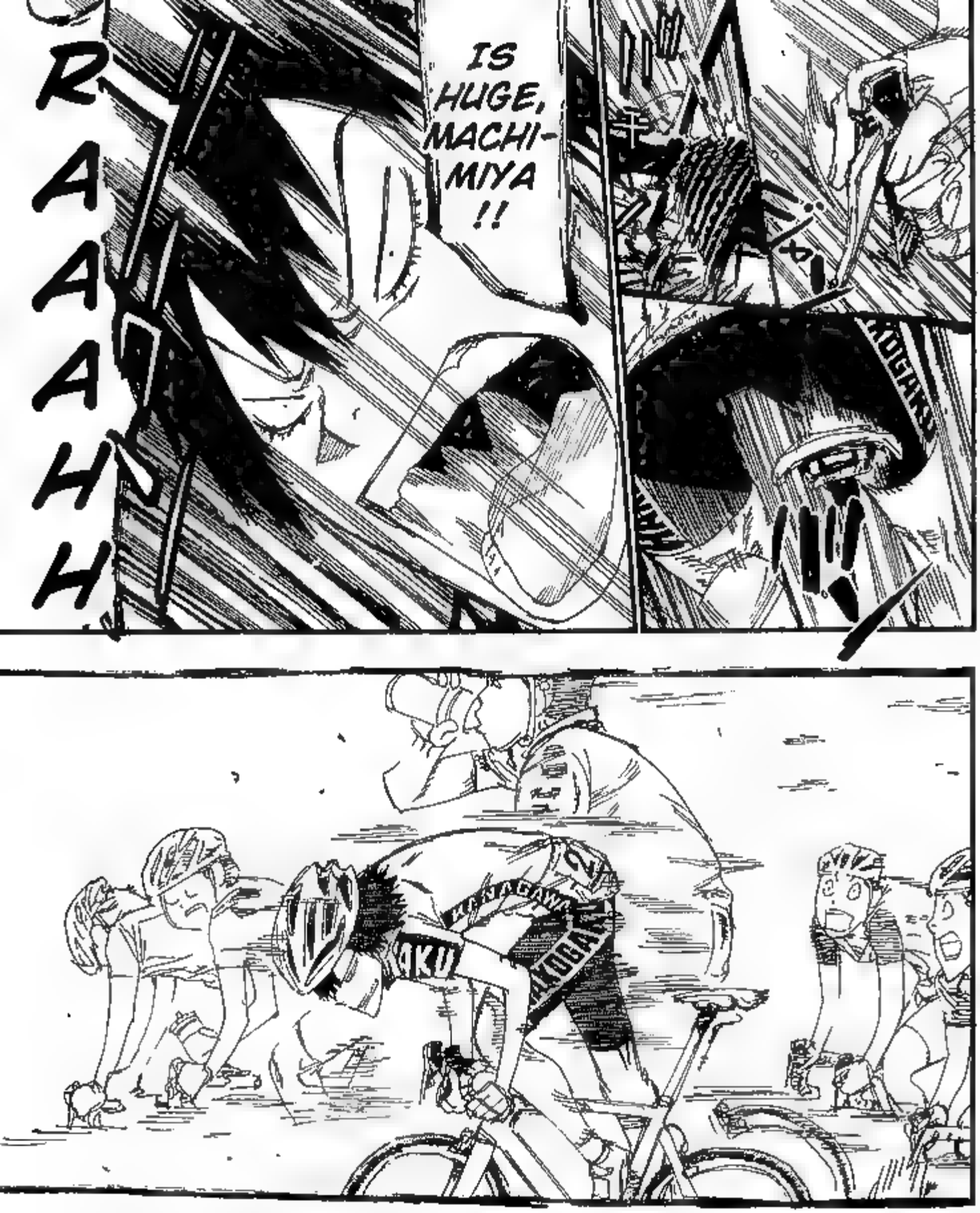
WAS THAT I DIDN'T THINK HIROSHIMA WOULD ATTACK AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

THE OTHER ONE

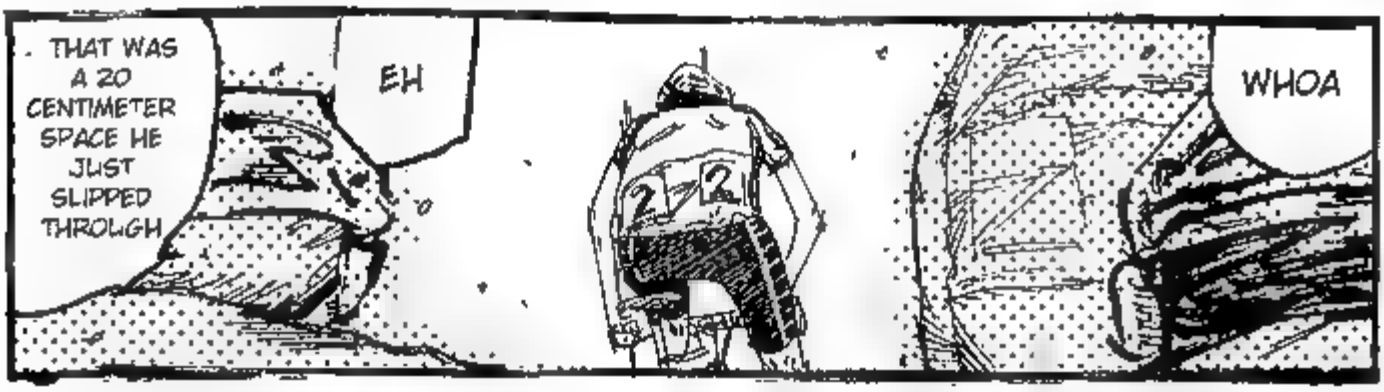
SO I DIDN'T IMAGINE THIS PACK WOULD CATCH UP WITH US.

THE LOOK ON HIS FACE CLEARLY SAID, "YOU FELL FOR IT"!!
HE FUCK-ING SMILED !!
THAT GUY
WHEN I FELL BACK INTO THIS PACK TO TRY AND SLOW IT DOWN
GAKI
MADE US, THE "KINGS"
THOSE GUYS
LOOK LIKE FOOLS!!
THE HAKONE ACADEMY TEAM THAT FUKU-CHAN CHOSE
URAAAH
THOSE FUCK-ING HALF-WITS!!
HAKOGAKU

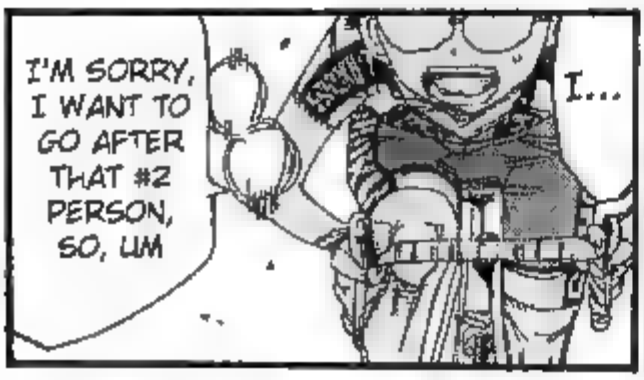

THE PRICE YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT ...


RAAAAHH
IS HUGE, MACHI-MIYA !!
AKU
AKUGAKU


AKU
AKUGAKU


. THAT WAS A 20 CENTIMETER SPACE HE JUST SLIPPED THROUGH
EH
WHOA

HAKO-GAKU IS PRETTY AMAZ-ING!!
HE'S PLAN-NING TO COME OUT TO THE FRONT OF THE PACK
DAMN, HE'S FAST!


I'M SORRY, I WANT TO GO AFTER THAT #2 PERSON, SO, UM
I...

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WHY IS HAKO-GAKU EVEN IN THIS PACK TO BEGIN WI-
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PLEASE LET ME THROUGH !!
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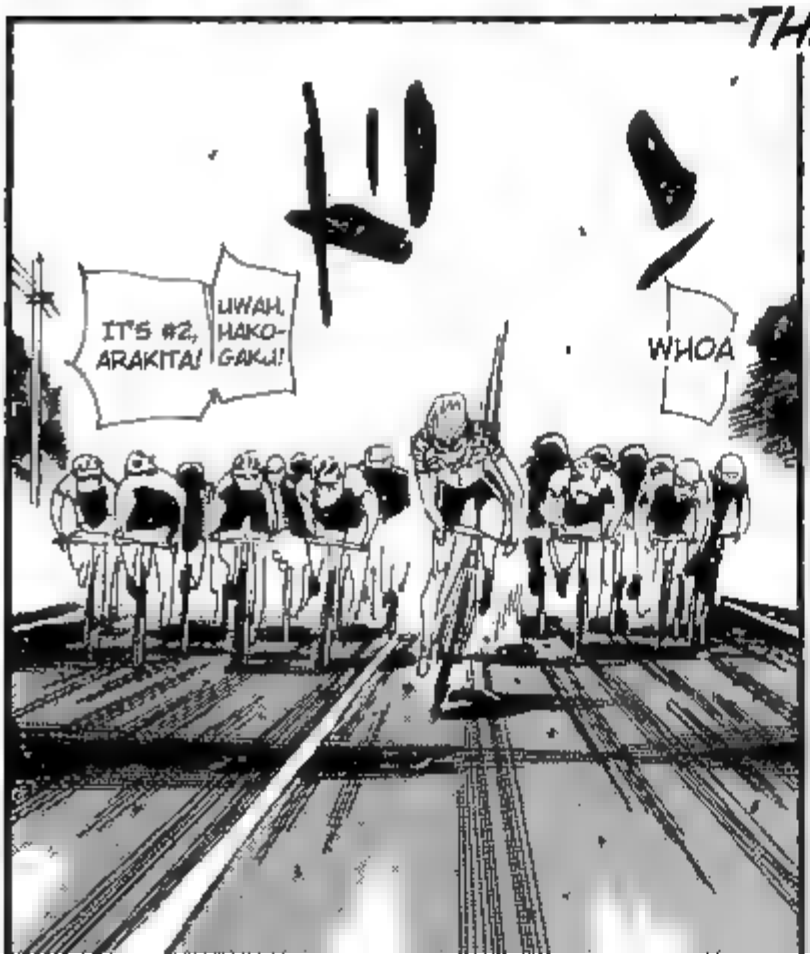
IT'S #2, ARAKITA!
UWAH, HAKO-GAKU!
WHOA

WHOA, SOHOKU ?!

I DON'T SEE THEM!!
SHIT!
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TCH!
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.....
AH?!
HAKOGAKU
KAIZAKI
SOHOKU
I WANT TO CATCH UP TO HIROSHIMA BUT
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I'M NOT FAST ENOUGH ON FLATS...
BUT... UM
I
... PLEASE
THE OTHERS ALL TURNED ME DOWN
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE!
LIKE I FUCKING CARE!!
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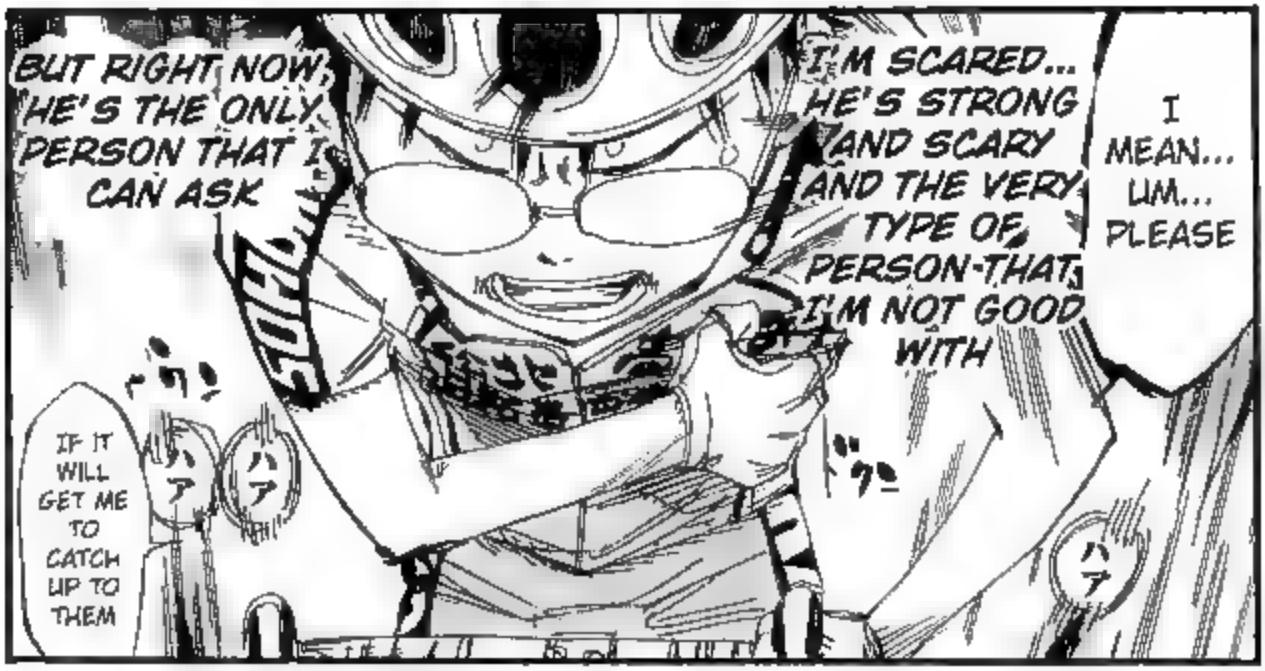
...LE-ASE
RIDE WITH ME
THE FUCK DO YOU WANT, SKINNY FOUR-EYES?!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP?!

THE WAY HE SEEMS TO THINK THAT IT'S OKAY TO DOUBLE-CROSS OTHERS IF IT'LL GET HIM AHEAD OF THE REST
WELL, UM, I DON'T LIKE IT!
IT'S ALL A PART OF THE TACTICS! YOU'RE IN A FUCKING ROAD RACE, MORON !!
HAH!! DON'T BE NAIVE
Y-- YES-SHIR!!
...YES, SIR!
"TROUBLE WITH WORDS"?!
EVEN MIDOUSUJI-KUN, UM, DOESN'T TALK A LOT AND HAS TROUBLE WITH WORDS BUT
I THINK THAT HIS WAY OF DOING THINGS PROBABLY ISN'T WRONG
HAKO-GAKU'S TEAM SEEMS STRONG...
BUT I THINK THAT YOU'RE HONEST


BUT RIGHT NOW, HE'S THE ONLY PERSON THAT I CAN ASK
I'M SCARED... HE'S STRONG AND SCARY AND THE VERY TYPE OF PERSON THAT I'M NOT GOOD WITH
I MEAN... UM... PLEASE
IF IT WILL GET ME TO CATCH UP TO THEM
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AH ?!

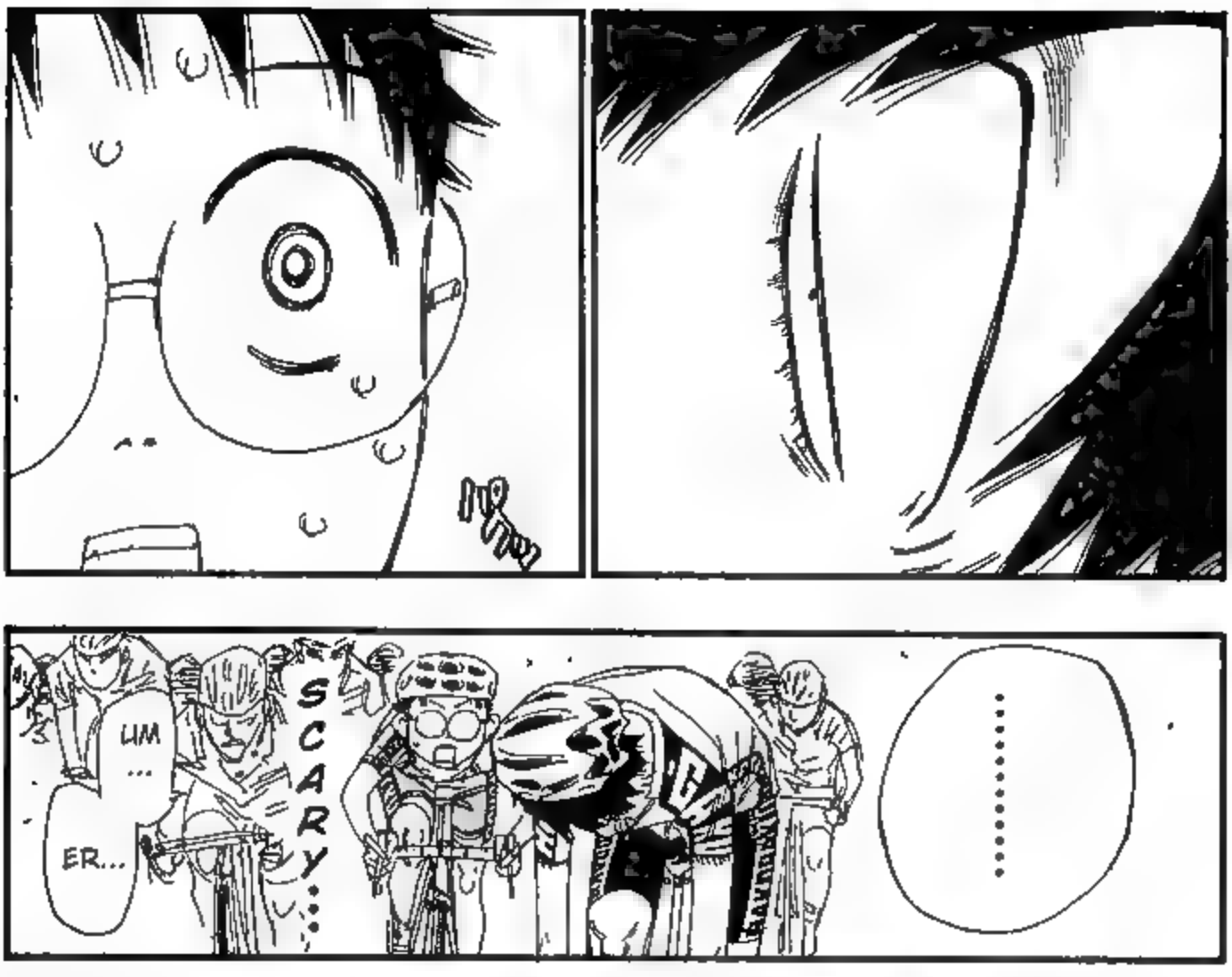
BUT
THIS GUY
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
DO "ANY-THING," HE SAYS?

FOR JUST A BRIEF MOMENT ...

HEY, YOU
HAH!!

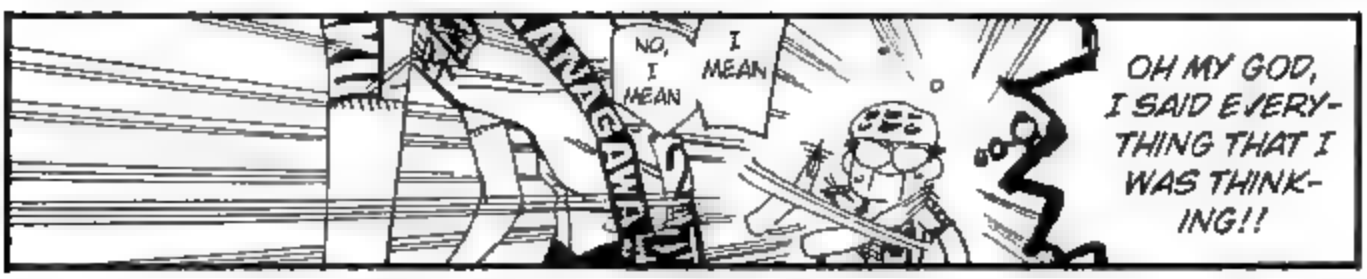
I'LL DO ANY-THING!!

AH!
FUKU...? FU...
HAKO-GAKU'S ACE... RIGHT?
HOW DOES FUKU-CHAN APPEAR TO YOU?
HE SEEMS TO HAVE EVERYONE'S TRUST... UM, SO I THINK HE'S A COOL PERSON!
AH, EH... I-I'VE NEVER TALKED TO HIM BEFORE BUT... UM, HE LOOKS SCARY AT FIRST BUT
UM
WHAT ABOUT... HAKO-GAKU'S #2...?!
AH
HAHA, I SEE
WHAT A RELIEF
NOW, WHAT ABOUT ME?
YOU'RE RIGHT
HE'S ALSO A STIFF-FACE


UM ...
ER...
SCARY...
.....

HURRY UP AND ANSWER ME!
YOU IDIOT!
I CAN'T SAY THAT!
UM...
UM...
HOW DO I APPEAR TO YOU?
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
"A SCARY PERSON" NO, NO, NO, I CAN'T!

YOU LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WOULD GOBBLE ME UP EVEN NOW!!
YES, SIR! YOU'RE REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, REALLY SCARY!
SOHOKU
SOHOKU


NO, I MEAN
I MEAN
OH MY GOD, I SAID EVERYTHING THAT I WAS THINKING!!

BECAUSE I WAS TOLD
I
I... I CAN'T DO THAT.
UM, BECAUSE I...
I WANT TO RIDE... FOR THE TEAM...
.....
IF YOU'RE SCARED OF ME, YOU COULD'VE JUST AVOIDED ME. YOU COULD'VE KEPT YOUR DISTANCE.
ALL TWITCHING AND SHIVERING INSIDE YOURSELF
WHY TALK TO ME, THEN?
IF YOU'D STEPPED SIDEWAYS AND PASSED ON, YOU WOULD'VE REMAINED UNDISTURBED.

THEN I SHOULD BREAK THROUGH IT BY DOING EVERYTHING THAT I POSSIBLY CAN DO !!
THAT WHEN THERE'S SOME-THING I WANT TO DO

IDIOT.

I ACCEPT
I'LL COOP-ERATE WITH YOU

PULL ME

EVEN IF YOU DO REMIND ME OF SOMEONE

NOT ONLY ARE YOU HONEST TO A FAULT
YOU'RE EX-TREMELY AWK-WARD!!
ROAD-RACING ISN'T SUITED FOR YOU!

WE'RE GOING!!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THEY'RE GOING AFTER HIROSHIMA!
LOOK! HAKOGAKU AND SOHOKU WENT AHEAD!
WITH JUST THE TWO OF THEM?!
MISAK
!?
HE FINALLY CAME.
TCH.
AH...
EH?!
AH?! AHH, YEAH, THE OTHER GUY I'M SUPPOSED TO BRING...
I-IS SOMETHING WRONG?!

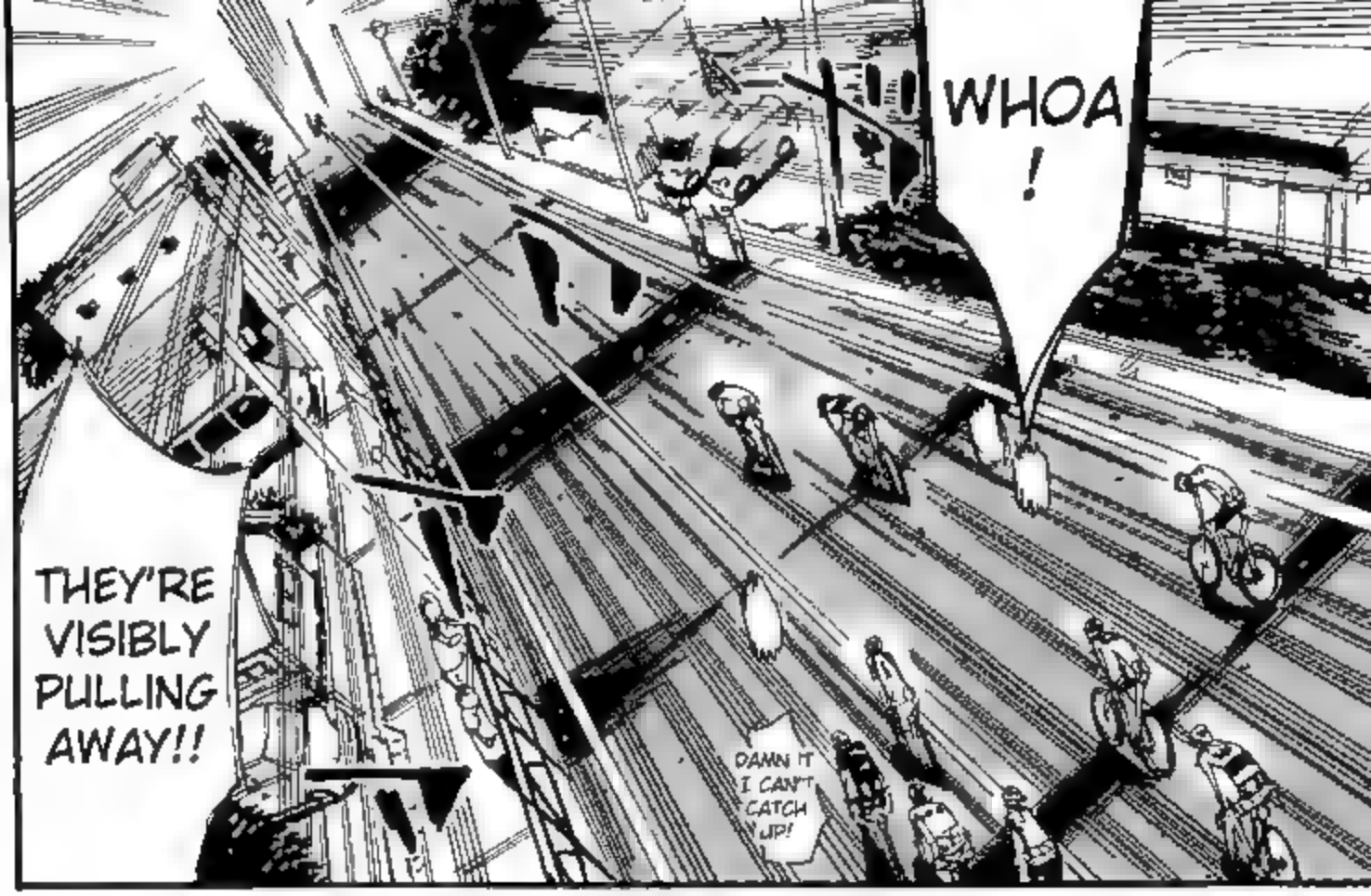
WE'RE GOING AFTER THEM! RAAAAAHH!!
YES!! THANK YOU!!
OKAY!!

HEY THERE
KANAGAWA
SAKO
MA!!!
SAKA-MICHI-KUN
MANA-MI-KUN!!
DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE PACK WHEN YOU WERE THE FIRST TO KNOW ABOUT IT, YOU MORON!

WE'LL GET THERE THREE TIMES AS FAST!!
WITH THE THREE OF US

RIDE.168 THE THREE'S CHASE!!
GOING AFTER THEM, SKINNY FOUR-EYES!!
OKAY!
WE'RE ...

RIDE.168 THE THREE'S CHASE!!


WHOA!
THEY'RE VISIBLY PULLING AWAY!!
DAMN IT I CAN'T CATCH UP!

FOR A SKINNY GUY!!
NOT BAD!!

U-UM ...
EXCUSE ME, ARA... ARAKITA-SAN...
AH?! WHAT, ARE YOU AT YOUR LIMIT ALREADY, SKINNY FOUR-EYES?!
ONCE HE'S RIDING, HE GOES SUR-PRISINGLY FAST
HAH!
BUT
THAT GUY WAS TREM-BLING ALL OVER THE PLACE EARLIER

CAN I GO AT FULL SPEED?!
FULL SPEED?
!!
HE CAN GO
A LOT MORE FASTER THAN THIS
AH?!
OH, ARA-KITA-SAN

AAAH
AAAA

WHAT
THE HELL IS WITH THIS GUY?
*SHIVER
*SNIFF SNIFF
?!
THIS GUY!!
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EVERY TIME HE INCRE-ASES HIS CADENCE
?!
?!
HIS SCENT CHAN-GES!!
THIS GUY'S SCENT

THERE'S NO DESIRE TO GRAB THE ENEMY BY THEIR THROAT AND EAT THEM!!
IT'S A PURE, CLEAN SCENT!!
CHASING... CHASING AFTER THEM AND SIMPLY WANTING JUST TO CHASE AFTER THEM
SOMETHING MUCH MORE DIFFERENT THAN THAT!!
IS THE SCENT OF A BEAST CHASING AFTER HIS PREY!! NO!!
TOTALLY INEFFICIENT!
HE KEEPS MAKING SLOPPY WORK OF THE COURSE
EVEN SO
HAH!!
BUT
YOU ARE
IT TICKS ME OFF, WATCHING HOW YOU RIDE!
YOU REALLY SUCK!
EH!
EHHHHH?!

ONO-
DA-
CH-
AN
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BETTER
THAN
WHAT
I'D
HOPED
FOR
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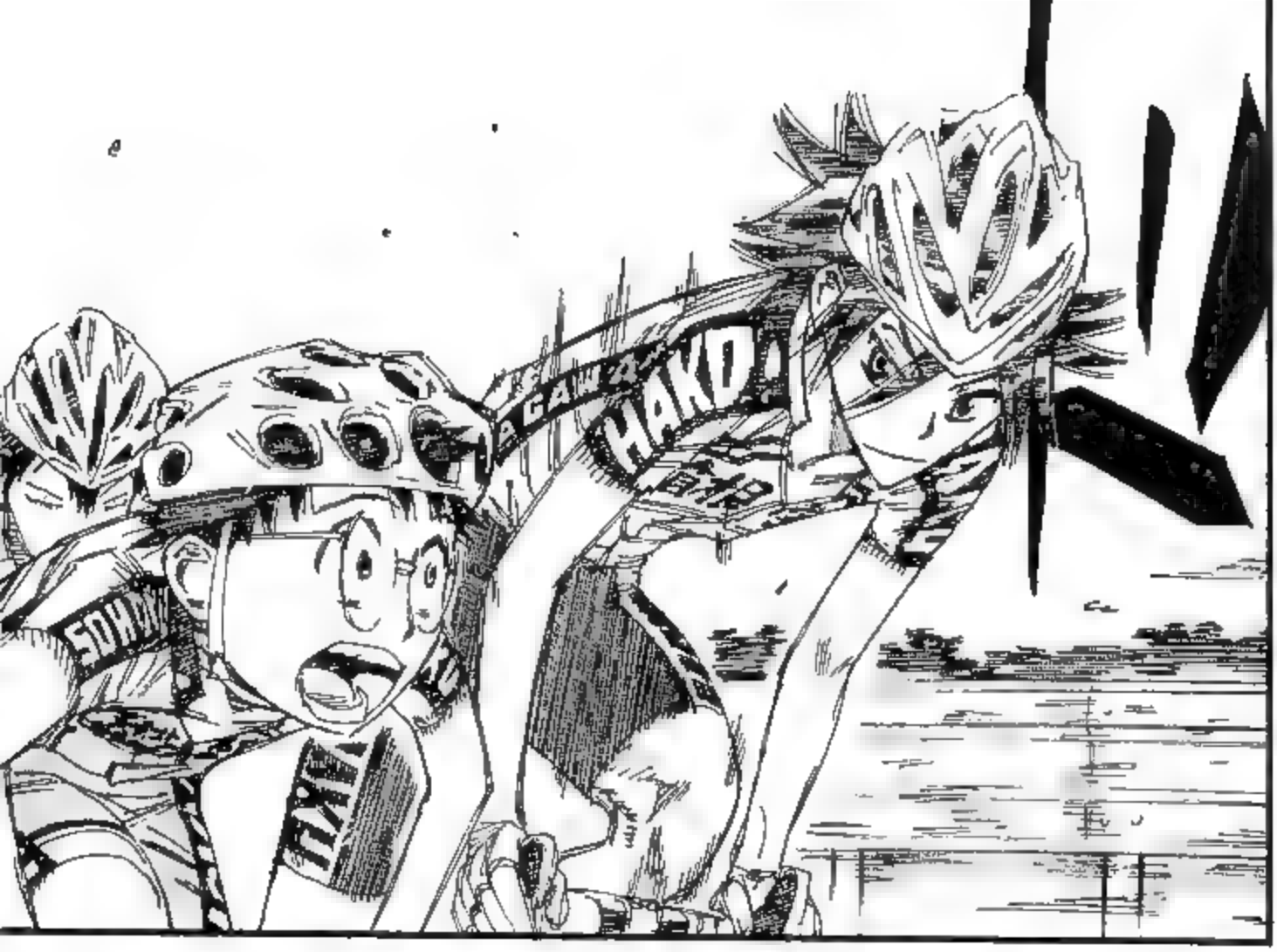
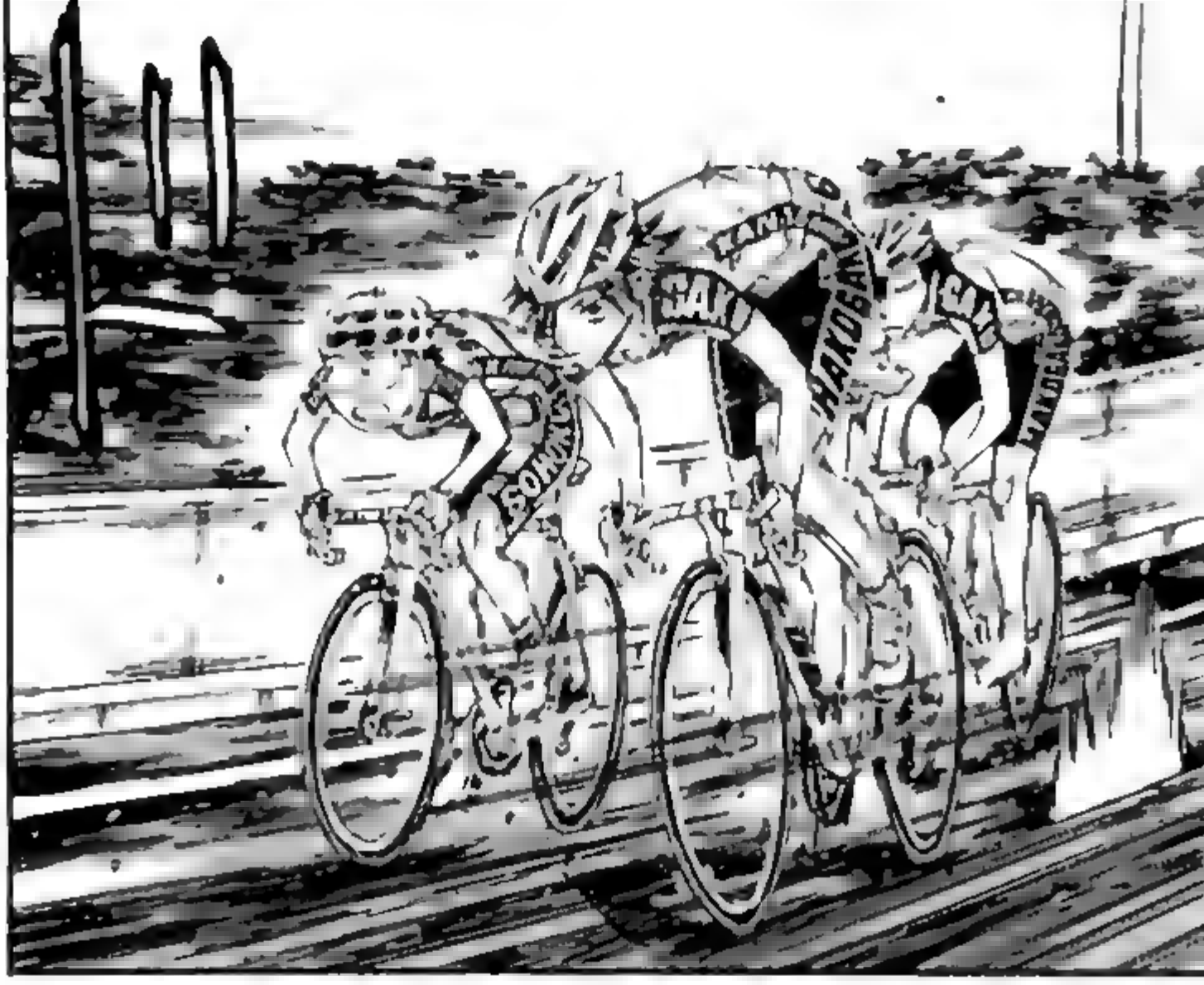
FUKUOKA

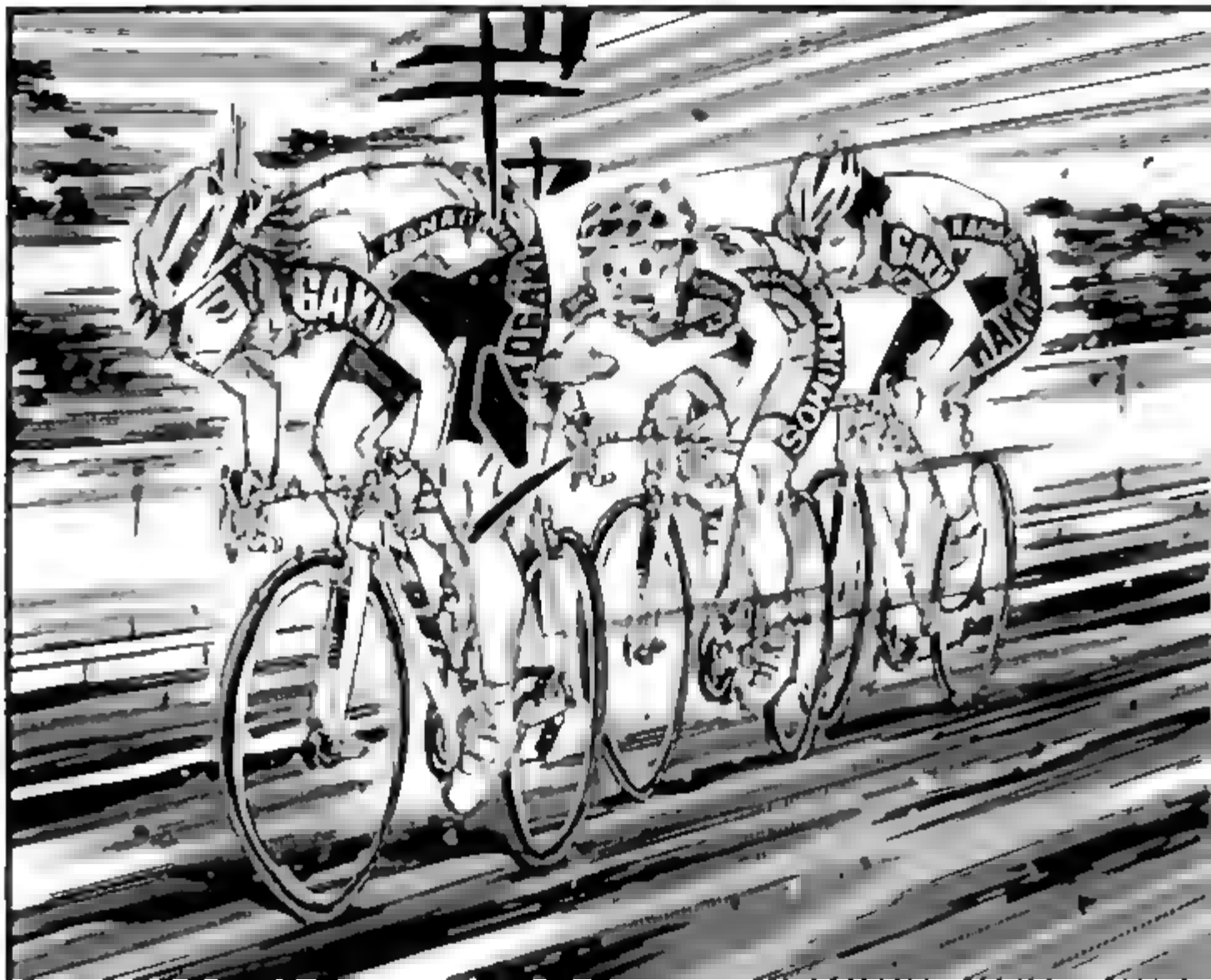

HAKO!

MY TURN THIS TIME.
LET'S SWITCH!!
IT'S

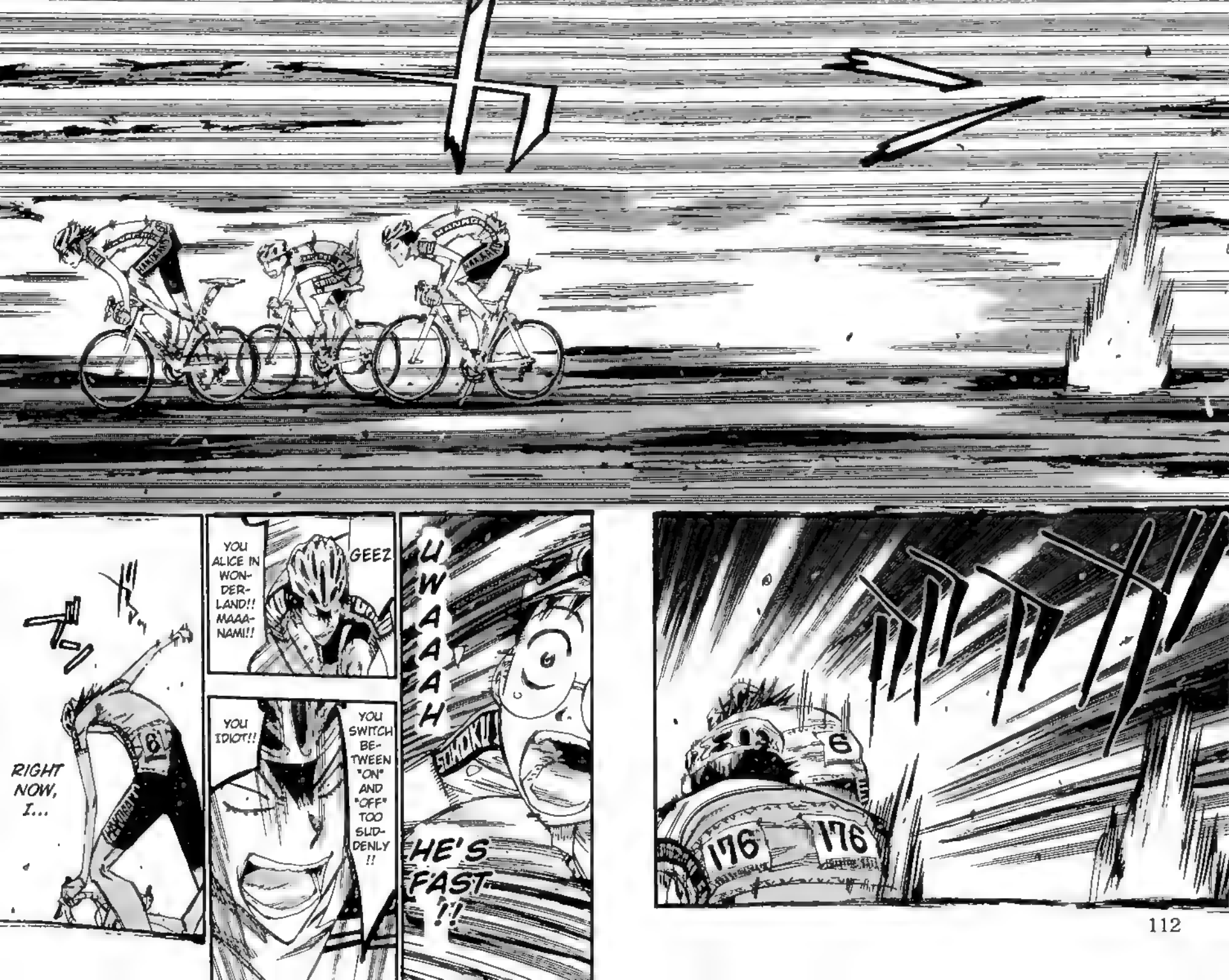
MA-NA-MI!!
HAKO!

THA-NKS !!
OKAY


GAKU
HAKOGAKU


GAKU
HAKOGAKU

ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE WIND JUST...
UWAH
AS IF THE WIND IS PARTING ITSELF
IT FEELS AS IF I'M BEING ENVEL-OPED BY SOME-THING
KANAGAWA
YAH
OKAY
LET'S GO
TO MAKE WAY FOR MANA-MI-KUN


RIGHT NOW, I...
YOU ALICE IN WON-DER-LAND!! MAAA-NAMI!!
GEEZ
YOU IDIOT!!
YOU SWITCH BE-TWEEN "ON" AND "OFF" TOO SUD-DENLY !!
UWAAAH
SUKOKU!
HE'S FAST !!
176
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THIS IS SO MUCH FUN, SAKAMICHI-KUN!!
THIS IS FUN
YEAH!!
ARAKITA...
THEY'RE SMILING, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN TROUBLE RIGHT NOW AND GOING AFTER THE ENEMY
YEAH!!
IF THIS WERE A HILL, IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE FUN.
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THESE GUYS?
"FUN," THEY SAY?
FEEL ALIVE!!

ME, WATCH OVER THAT ODD-BALL?!
AH ?!
WHY
I WANT YOU TO PULL HIM AND BRING HIM BACK UP
!?
TOMOR-ROW, ON THE LAST DAY
IF MANAMI EVER HAPPENS TO FALL BEHIND DURING THE RACE
GIANT
BRING HIM BACK UP
HE PROB-ABLY
HE'S JUST A CLIMBER WHO'S A LITTLE GOOD AT CLIMBING!
BUT MANAMI SPACES OUT ALL THE TIME, AND HELL
WITH SHINKAI, I UNDER-STAND. HE'S USEFUL.
BECAUSE I KNOW YOUR ABILITIES AS A DELIVERER
ARAKITA, I'M ASKING YOU
.....
HAS A SIDE TO HIM THAT HASN'T AWOKEN YET
HE'S A FIRST-YEAR KID
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE OVERES-TIMATING HIM?!

HEY, FIRST-YEARS!
EH! HYAH!
!

I KINDA GET WHAT YOU MEANT
...FROM WHAT I'M SEEING RIGHT NOW
FUKU-CHAN
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NAKOBAKO

YOU CLIMB-ERS
ARE TOO GODDAMN SLOW ON THE FLATS

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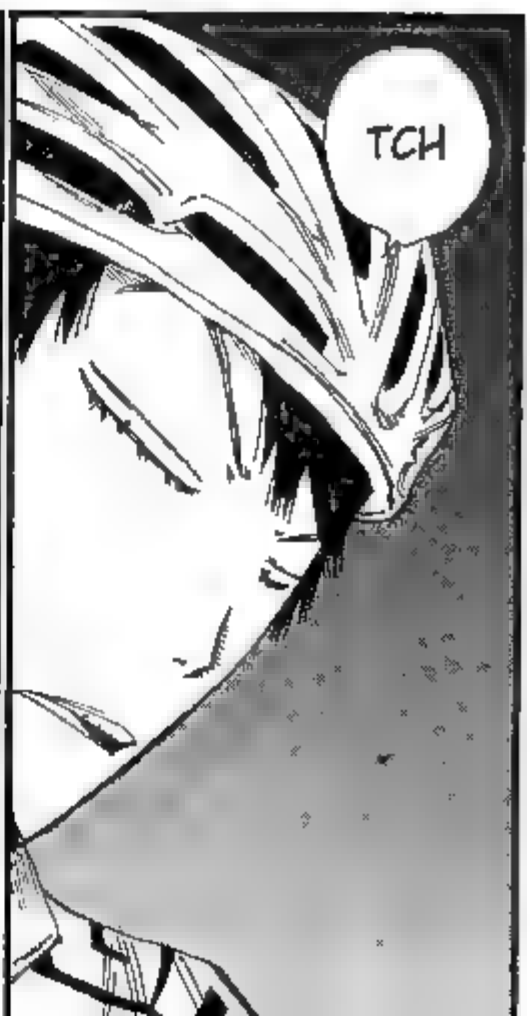
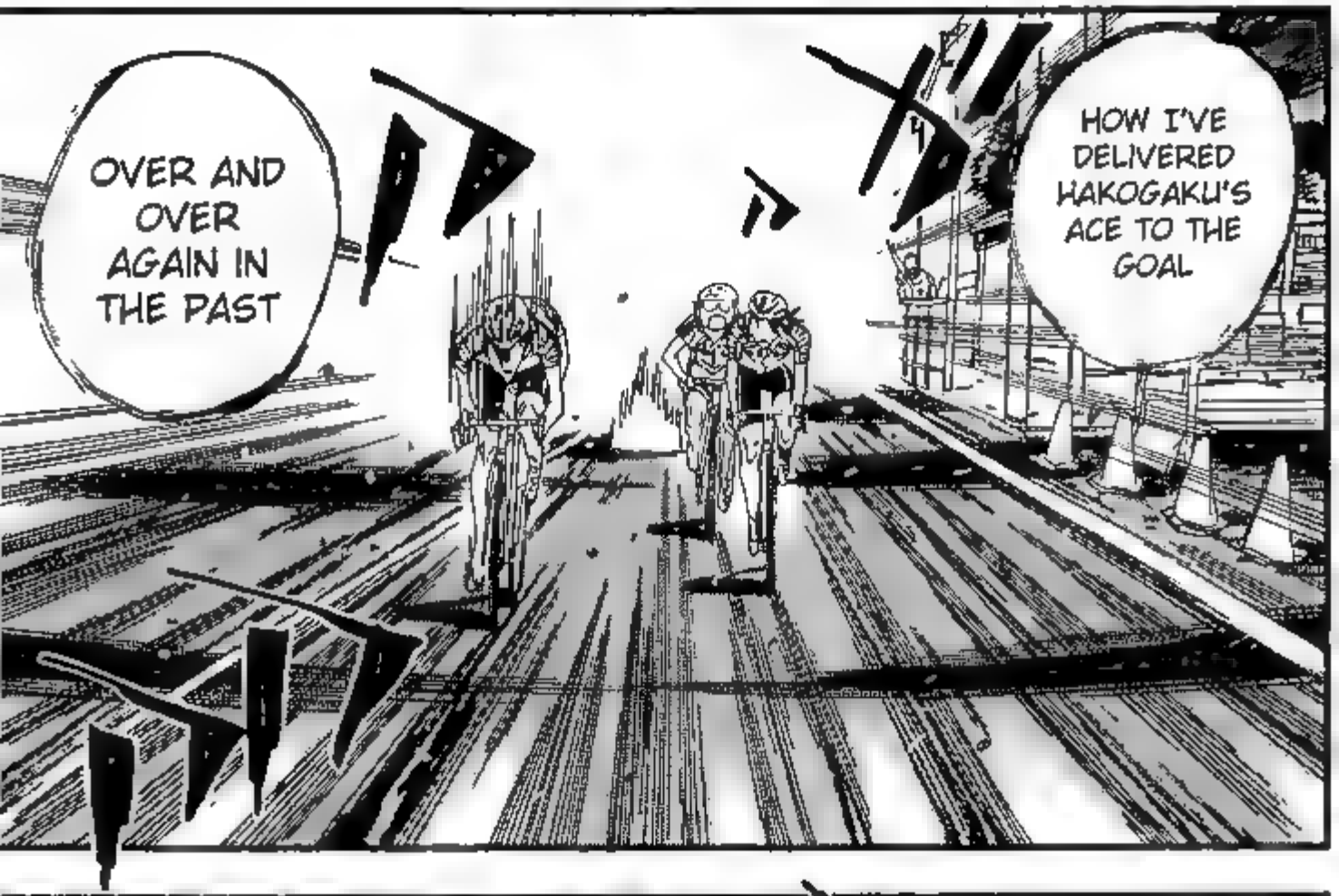
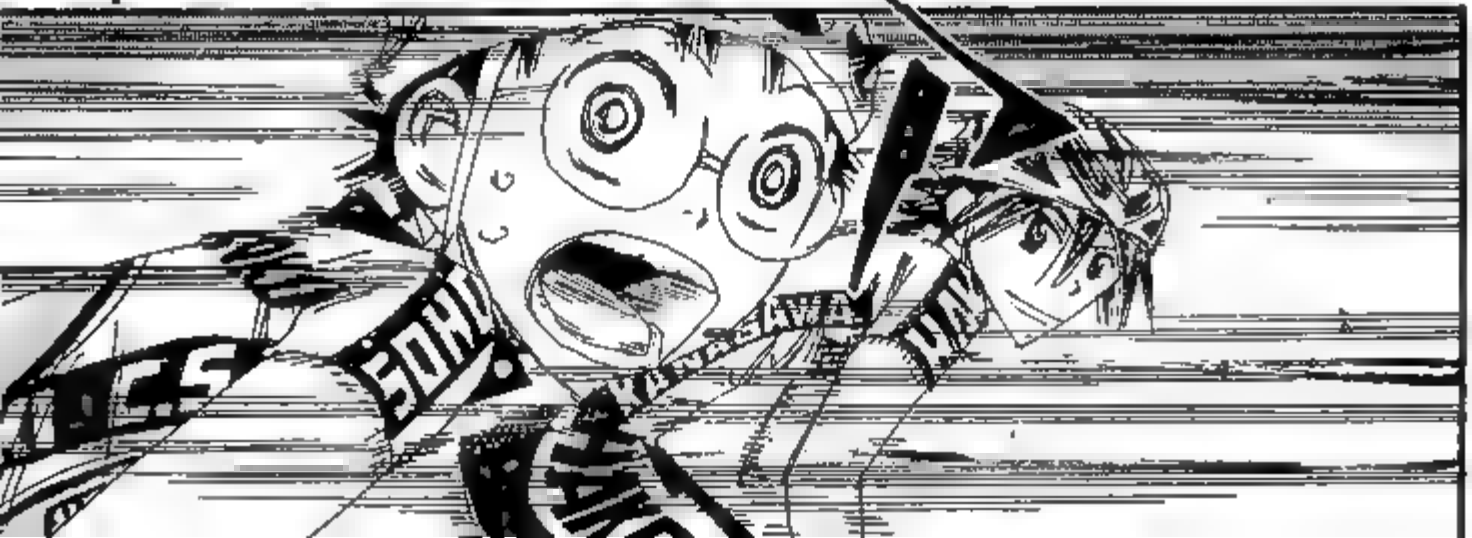
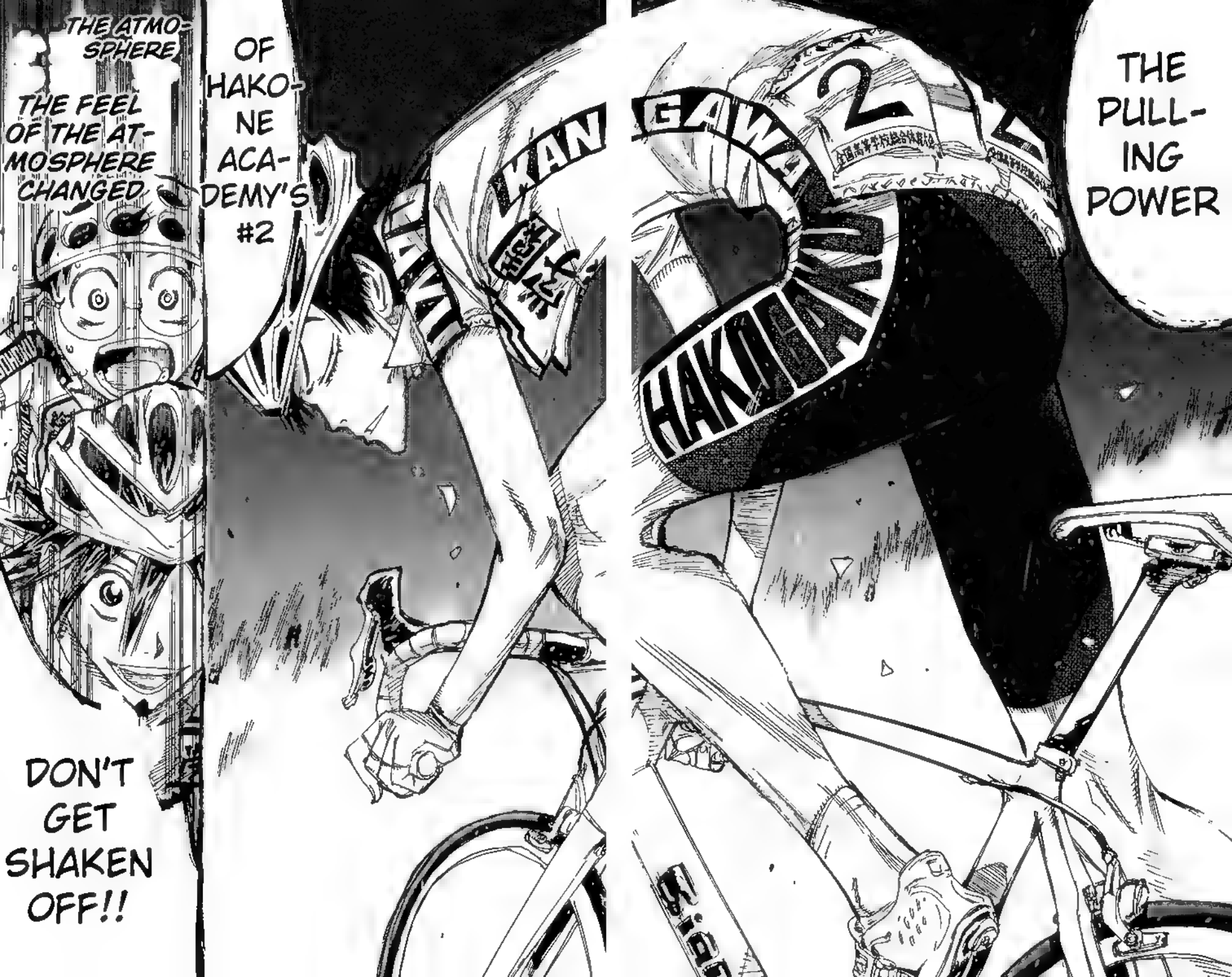

TCH

I'LL SHOW YOU
OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN THE PAST
HOW I'VE DELIVERED HAKO-GAKU'S ACE TO THE GOAL
THE PULL-ING POWER OF HAKO-NE ACAD-EMY'S #2!!
KANAGAWA
HAKOGAKU

# RIDE.169 ROLLERCOASTER RIDE

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POWER
DON'T
GET
SHAKEN
OFF!!

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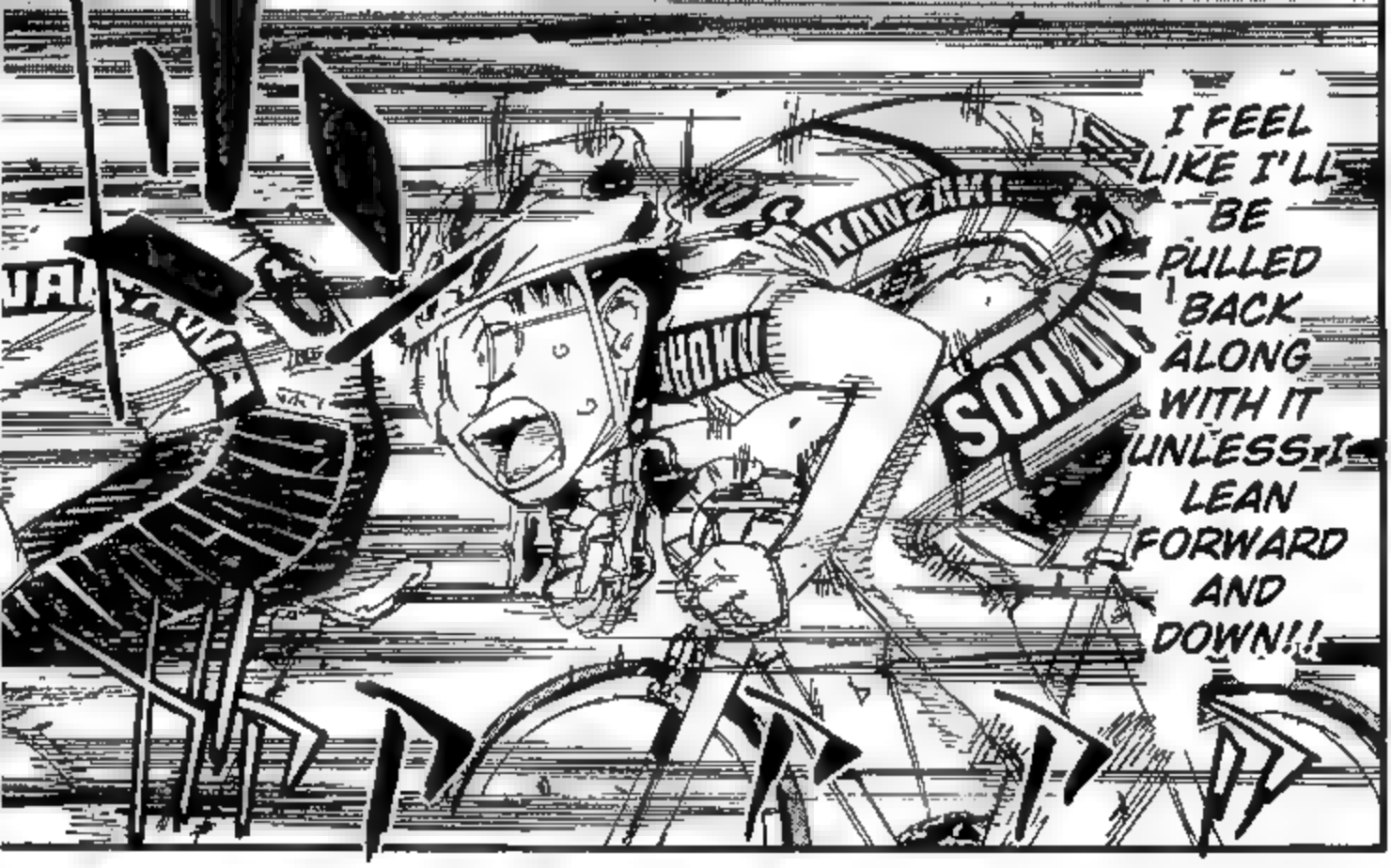
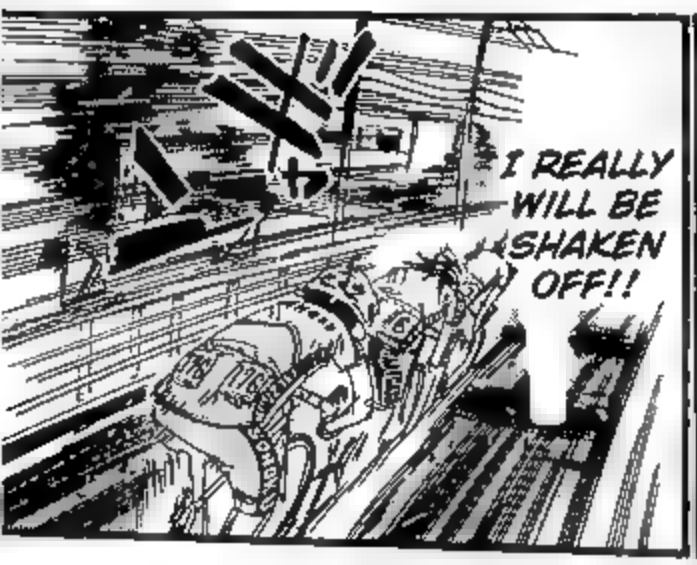
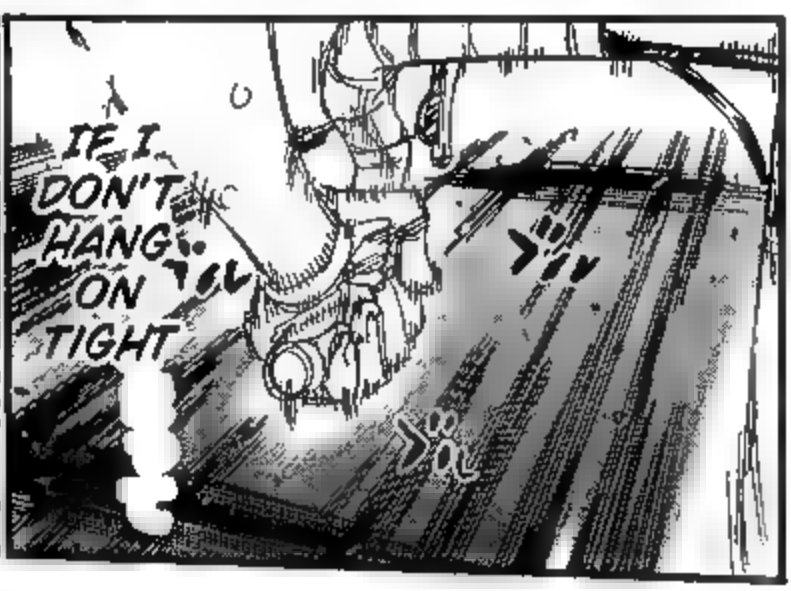
# ROLLERCOASTER RIDE

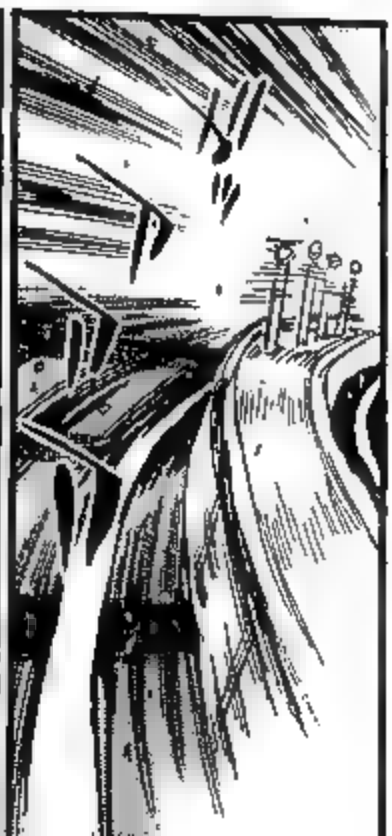
UWAAAH
U...
URGH...
IT FEELS LIKE THE AIR IS BEING PULLED FROM BEHIND ME
THE WIND PRESSURE...
AH!!


KANZA!!
SOHJU
I FEEL LIKE I'LL BE PULLED BACK ALONG WITH IT UNLESS I LEAN FORWARD AND DOWN!!

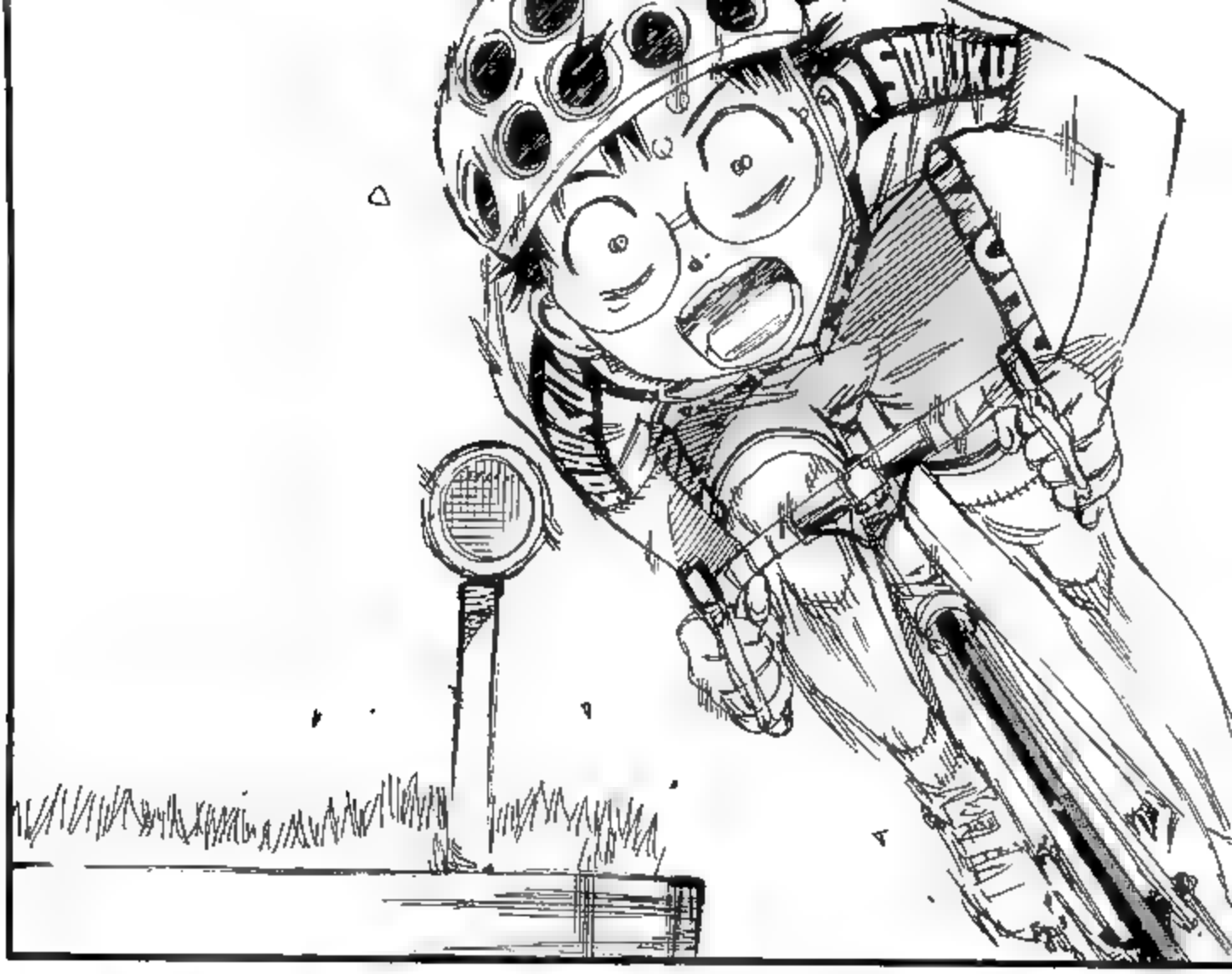

I REALLY WILL BE SHAKEN OFF!!


IF I DON'T HANG ON TIGHT

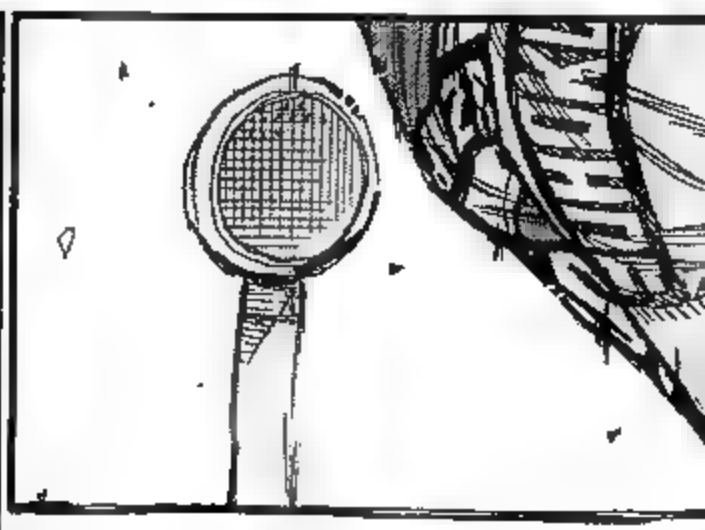
RAAH!!



HE HIT IT
UWAAAH
GOKU
GOKU



UWAAH
RAHH!!



RIDING A VERY CLOSE COURSE!!
SO CLOSE... HE REALLY IS...!

I'M NOT EVEN ABLE TO PAUSE TO SEE WHAT'S AROUND ME
IT'S TAKING EVERY-THING I CAN JUST TO PEDAL SO THAT I CAN KEEP UP WITH HIM
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IT'S SO FAST
SO DAN-GER-OUS
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ALL I CAN SEE IS WHAT'S AHEAD
AMAZ-ING... SO THIS IS...
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A REAL GOAL SPRINT...
OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN THE PAST
HOW I'VE DELIVERED HAKO-GAKU'S ACE TO THE GOAL

THE RIDING OF SOME-ONE WHO FIGHTS TO STEAL THE GOAL...!!

THE GOAL, TODAY FOR INTER-HIGH...
I WONDER HOW IT WILL TURN OUT
WILL SOHOKU ...?
...MA-NA-MI-KUN
D-DO YOU MEAN HIRO-SHIMA?
AH... EH
I SEE THEM!
TCH, NO
THE GOAL

UNFOR-
TUNATE-
LY,
YOU'RE
WRONG
ON
THAT,
ONODA-
CHAN!!

ONODA-KUN!!
GAKUGAN
ONODA!!
ARA-KITA!!
NARU-KO-KUN!!
AH... MAKISHIMA-SAN... TADOKORO-SAN
BUT I'M GLAD THAT WE MANAGED TO MEET UP AGAIN
UM.. IT'S THANKS TO ARAKITA-SAN AND MANAMI-KUN THAT I MADE IT HERE
DON'T LET FUCKING HIROSHIMA GET PAST YOU WHEN IT'S YOU PULLING, YOU MORON !!
IZU-MI-DAAA AAAA
I'M SORRY!!

TO CATCH UP TO YOU
CAW!
CAW!
ONODA-CHAN
DON'T YOU GET IT?
W-WE'RE GOING PAST THEM? UM, ARA-KITA-SAN?!
EH ?!
AREN'T WE JOIN-ING UP WITH THEM AGAIN?!
EHHHH

DO YOU MEAN THAT BECAUSE IT'S THE LAST INTER-HIGH STAGE... WHERE EVERY SECOND COUNTS... WE CAN'T AFFORD
TO SPEND TIME REJOIN-ING THEM?
YOU IDIOT
I DO ...
YOU SMELL IT TOO, DON'T YOU? THAT ROTTEN STENCH!!
*SNIFF* *SNIFF*
IT CAN'T BE...
WE'RE CLOSE! I'M BURN-ING UP! DON'T YOU FEEL THAT URGE TO GO?!
I CAN'T STOP MYSELF HERE WITH THAT STENCH AROUND!

THAT URGE TO GO AND SINK YOUR TEETH INTO THE ENEMY!!

TO HIRO-
SHIMA!!
INCRED-
IBLE...
WE
CAUGHT
UP TO
THEM...!!
EH
EH
?!
THAT'S
THE
FACE I
WANTED
TO SEE
FROM
YOU!!
THAT'S
IT!!

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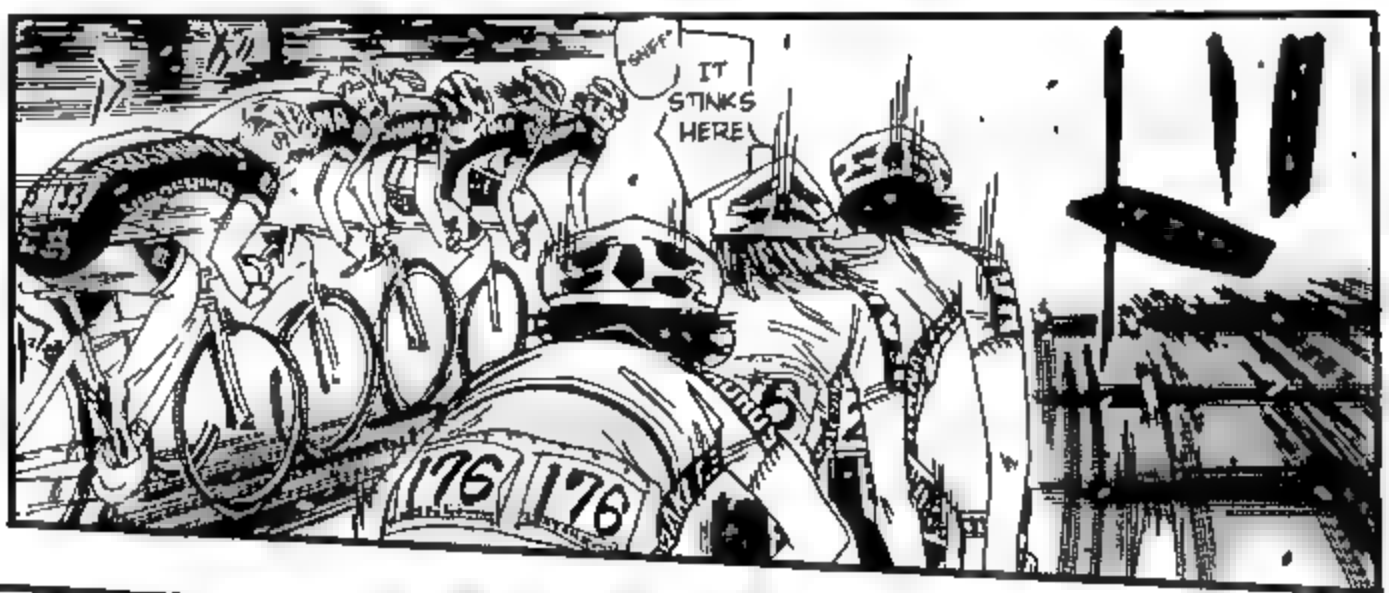
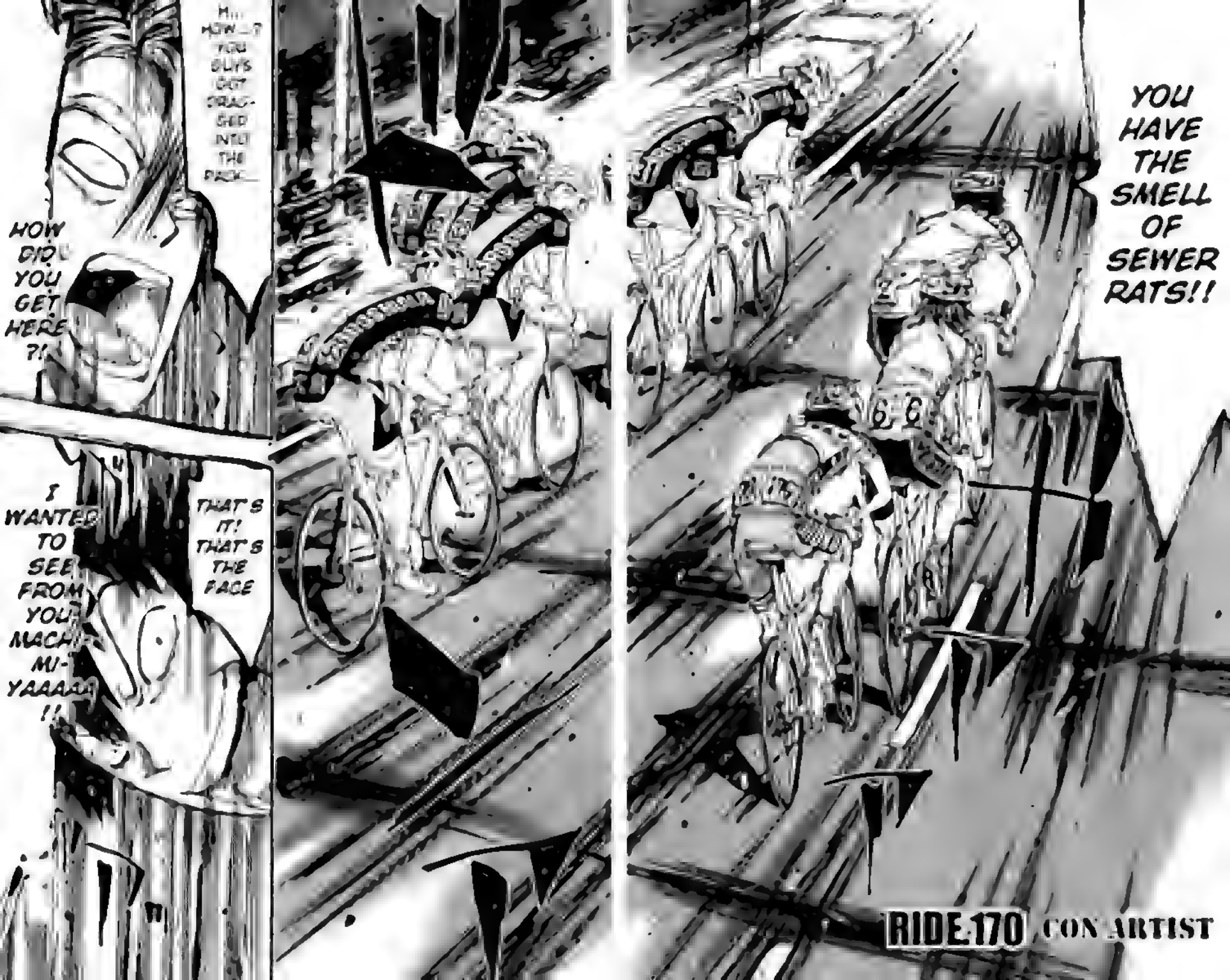


SCRAM-BLING AROUND, TRYING TO ESCAPE BY PLAYING PETTY TRICKS
IT'S LIKE A SEWER !
YOU GUYS ARE STINKING UP THE PLACE!!
HAH
*SNIFF*
*SNIFF*


HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!
HUH... HOW...? YOU GUYS GOT CRACKED INTO THE PACK...
I WANTED TO SEE FROM YOU MACHI- MI- YAAAAA!!
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE FACE
YOU HAVE THE SMELL OF SEWER RATS!!
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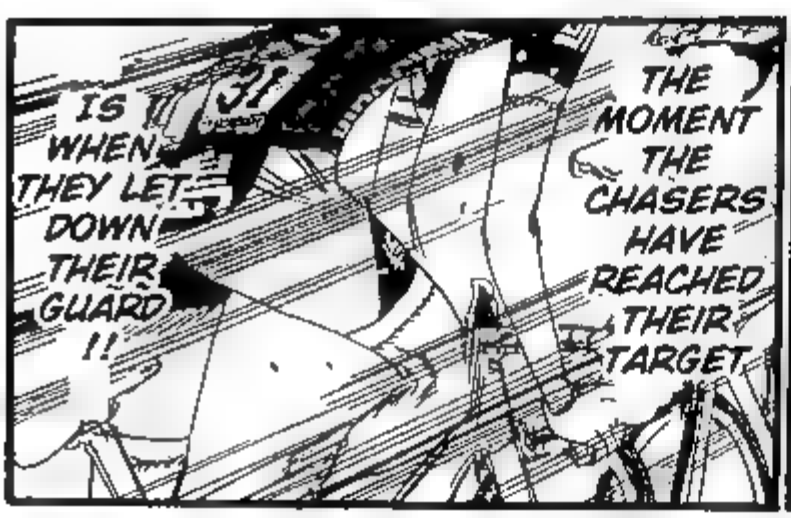
SPEED UP! WE'RE LEAVING HAKO-GAKU IN THE DUST!!
YEAH !!

PULL US WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT!
SATO-ZAKI, SHIONO !!
OKAY!
OKAY!


IS IT WHEN THEY LET DOWN THEIR GUARD !!
THE MOMENT THE CHASERS HAVE REACHED THEIR TARGET

ELIMI-NATE THEM COM-PLETELY !!
I WILL BLOT THEM OUT !!

WE WHO WILL STAND TRIUM-PHANTLY AT THE HIGHEST POINT OF THE AWARDS STAND!!
YOU GUYS ...

THAT'S WHEN THEY SLACKEN THEIR PEDALING !!

EH EH ...
HEH HEH
IT'S WE WHO WILL REACH THE TOP...

I'M FAM-ISHED ...
DON'T RUN AWAY... LET'S DO THIS
YOU MADE A MISTAKE, TO TRY AND OVERTAKE HAKO-GAKU...
THAT I'M SHIV-ER-ING !!
I WANT TO EAT YOU GUYS UP SO BAD
MACHI-MIYA-SAN !!
KITA !!
THE WILD BEAST, ARA...
EH
EH EH ?!

AREN'T VERY IM-PRES-SIVE!!
KANAGAWA
KITAKI
OJI
HOSHIMA
31
34

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?! PULL HARDER!!
OKAY !!

YOU CAN'T RUN FROM ME!! SEWER RAT
MA CHI MI- YA AA !!
BW- EH ?!
I'M GONNA EAT YOU
YOU MEET YOUR END RIGHT HERE!!

*CLAPS
YES, YES.
YOU'RE VERY STRONG.
HAKOGAKU IS QUITE IMPRES-SIVE, AS TO BE EXPECTED.
I--
IBITANI...
...
EH?!

IBI-TANI-SAN
IBITANI-SAN...
AH?!
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE CAN'T GET RID OF YOU THROUGH TRICKS ALONE, IS THAT RIGHT?
GIVE IT UP.
MIYA
IF YOU'RE MAKING A MOVE, THEN THAT MEANS!!!!!
TCH ... ...
IF YOU DON'T DO "IT"
WE'LL NEVER DROP THIS GUY.

EH... THE FEEL ABOUT HIM CHANGED...
...
IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE US THAT BADLY
THEN WE'LL GIVE YOU A CHALLENGE, ARAKITA-KUN.
...
WHY DON'T WE SET UP A RULE FIRST?
BUT IF WE KEEP RACING LIKE THIS, ALL WE'LL DO IS LOSE ENERGY.
20 METERS ...
A RULE ?
AH ?!
I WANTED
TO SAVE THIS
FOR WHEN WE REACHED THE FRONT ...

IF EITHER OF US IS "DROPPED BY A DISTANCE OF MORE THAN 20 METERS, THEY MUST GIVE UP THE CHASE." HOW'S THAT?
WHOEVER DROPS THE OTHER TEAM BY 20 METERS WINS!!
IT WILL BE A RACE TO OUTRUN THE OTHER BY MORE THAN 20 METERS.

SO WHOEVER DROPS THE OTHER TEAM BY TWO FLAGS
WINS
THE FLAGS ARE ABOUT 10 METERS APART

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL PLAY FAIR.
WE'LL GO WITH ONLY THREE PEOPLE AS WELL.
THEN ACCEPT OUR PROPOSITION.
I'LL DROP YOU GUYS EASILY !!
EVEN WITHOUT THAT RULE
HAH !!

SHIONO !! SATO-ZAKI!!
YES, SIR
THEIR SPRINT-ERS, HUH?
FALL BACK.
YES, SIR
!?
HE ISN'T USING THE TWO WHO WERE PULL-ING THEM?!
I'M SURE THAT HAKONE ACADEMY HAS DONE SOME RESEARCH ON THEIR OPPONENT TEAMS
SO YOU MUST HAVE HEARD THAT HIRO-SHIMA HAS THREE SPRINT-ERS
HIRO-SHIMA HAS...
EH
THREE ...!!
THREE SPRIN-TERS?

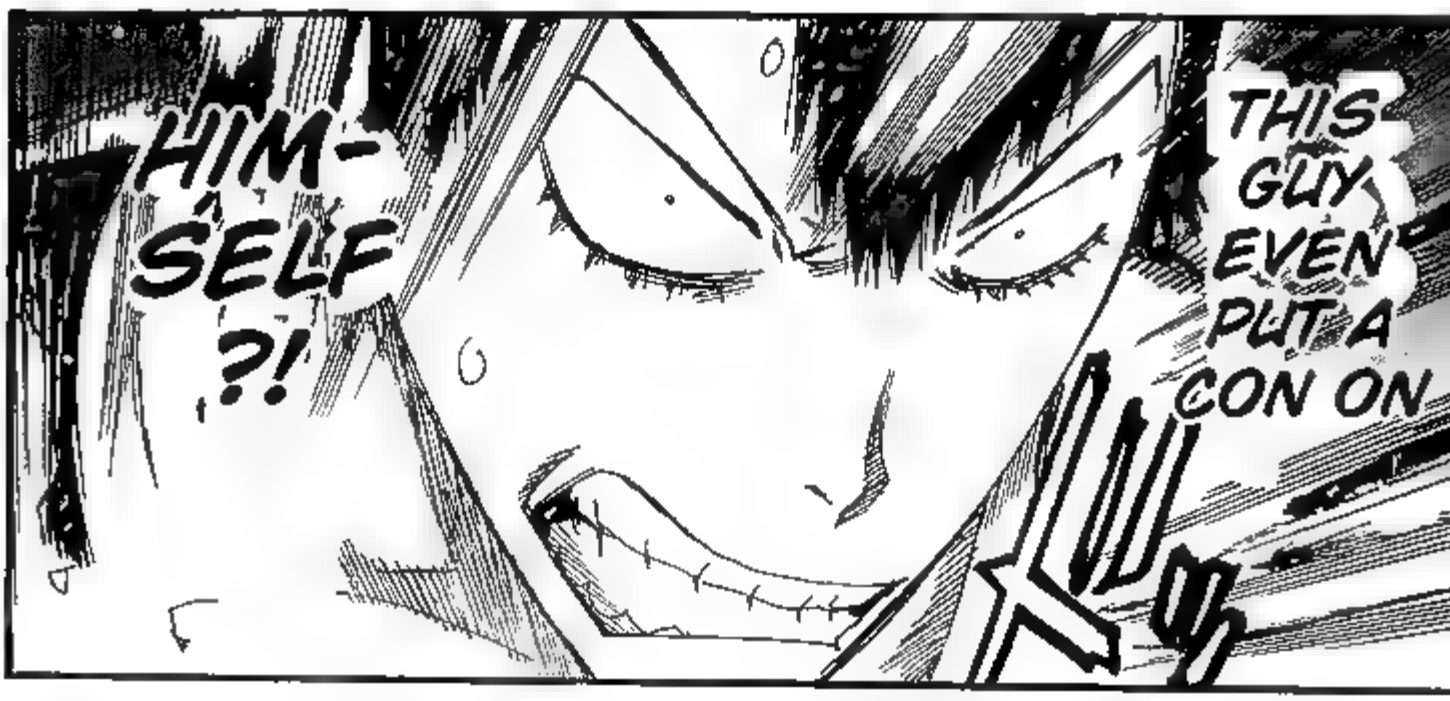
YES, SIR!!
HIGA-SHI-MURA!!
THE PEOPLE WHO WERE PULLING JUST NOW WERE NOT THEIR SPRINTERS?!
THAT GOES FOR ME AS WELL. BIB NUMBER #32... IBITANI.
AND OUR LAST MAN IS...
FOUR-EYES!!
FOUR-EYES IS A SPRINTER!!

BIB NUM-BER #31, THE ACE NUM-BER
MA-CHI-MIYA
EI-KICHI
DON'T THINK THAT WE GOT HERE
ON LUCK ALONE, HAKO-GAKUUU !!
WHAT THE...?
HIS SCENT CHANGED INTO SOME-THING COM-PLETELY DIFFER-ENT!!
UWAH
NOW

LET'S FIGHT THIS 20 METER BREAKAWAY BATTLE!!

IT'S YOU WHO'S
THE DIRTY SEWER RAT
ARAKITAAA!!
YOU
CALL ME A SEWER RAT?!
WHO-EVER WINS GOES TO THE FRONT!

THIS IS HIS REAL NATURE!!
HIS PERSONALITY HAS TURNED A 180... NO...


HIMSELF?!
THIS GUY EVEN PUT A CON ON

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I START GETTING A LITTLE SNAPPY!!
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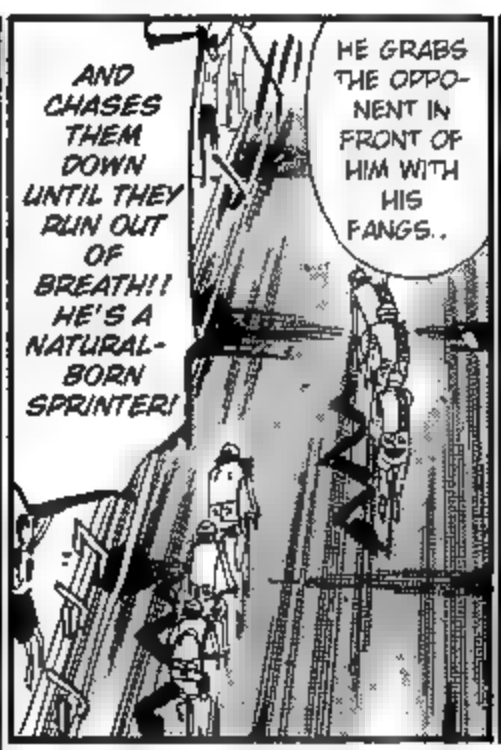
I HAVE TO PUT A LIMITER ON MYSELF, YOU KNOW..
OR ELSE I LOSE ALL OF MY SELF-CONTROL

# RIDE.171 KURE'S FIGHTING DOG


AND CHASES THEM DOWN UNTIL THEY RUN OUT OF BREATH!! HE'S A NATURAL-BORN SPRINTER!
HE GRABS THE OPPO-NENT IN FRONT OF HIM WITH HIS FANGS..

KURE'S FIGHT-ING DOG!!
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AN UNUSUAL CROUCHING STYLE
HIS CHEST IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO HIT HIS HANDLEBARS
RIDE.171
KURE'S FIGHTING DOG

THE MOVEMENT OF HIS UPPER ARMS, EXTENDING FROM HIS EXTREMELY DEVELOPED SHOULDER BLADE, MAKE HIM HIT HIS CHEST ON THE HANDLEBARS WITH EVERY SHAKE''
MIYA'S DANCING IS NOT ORDINARY.
THAT IS
THE HANDLES FORM BRUISES ON HIS CHEST
EH EH EH EH EH !!
MAKING THEIR START FROM ZERO, HE'S UNBELIEVABLY FAST!!
FOR SOMEONE

DRAAAAH
HE'S FAST !!

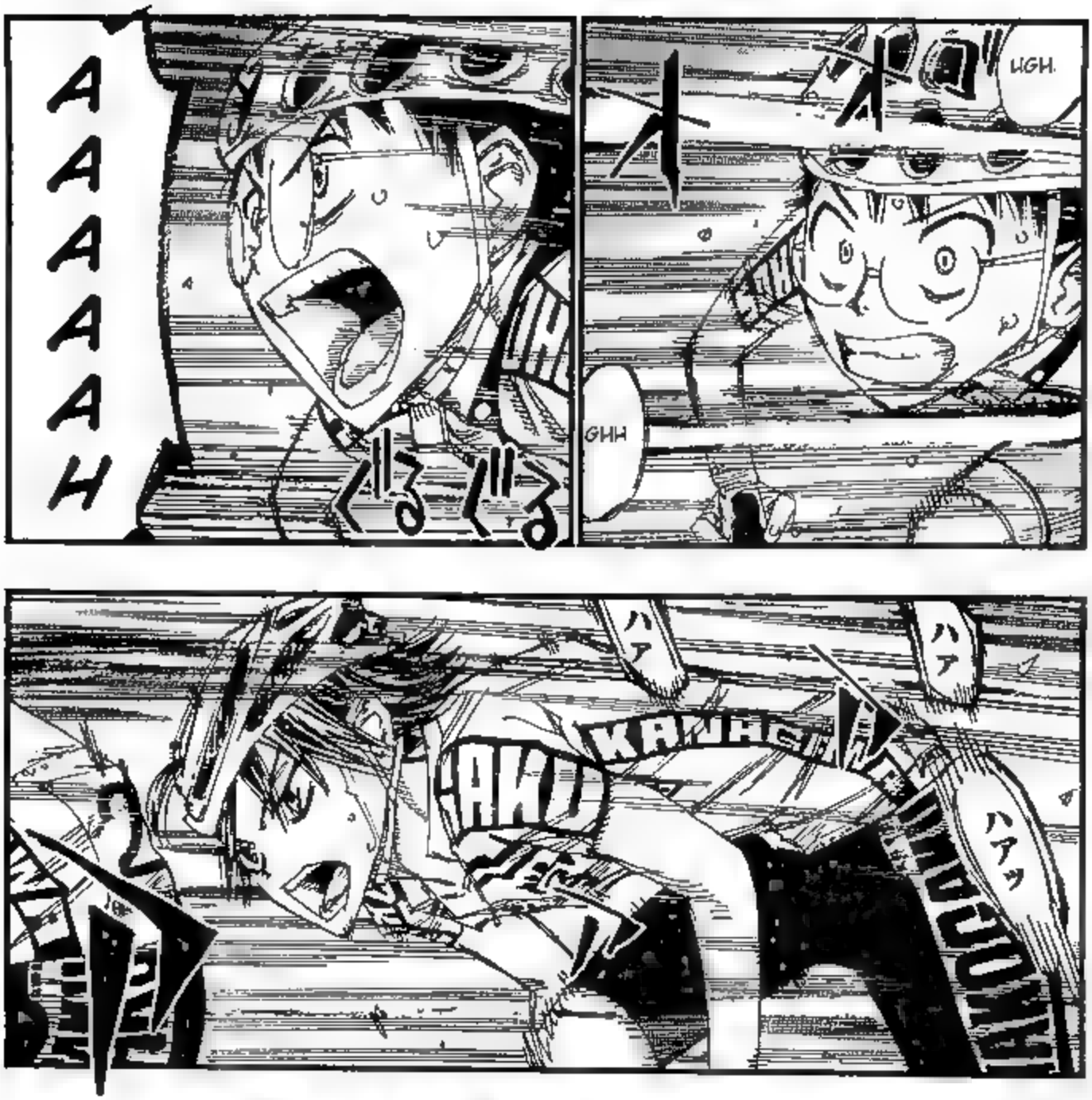
THE OTHER REASON FOR WHY HE IS CALLED THE FIGHTING DOG!!
DRAYAAA!!
THE FIGHT-ING
DOG!!

HE'S SPEEDING UP WHILE WAVING HIS BIKE FROM SIDE TO SIDE!
"20 METERS... IN OTHER WORDS, WHOEVER DROPS THE OTHER TEAM BY TWO FLAGS MUST GIVE UP THE CHASE!!"
"THIS IS A 20 METER BREAK-AWAY BATTLE."
GOD-DAMN-IT!!
...TCH!! I GOT MYSELF MIXED UP IN SOME WEIRD SHIT
THAT GUY... MACHI-MIYA... HE'S PLAN-NING TO PUT AN END TO THIS IM-MEDI-ATELY
SHIT!! HE'S ALREADY REACHED ONE FLAG'S LENGTH IN ONE GO!!

...!!
HAH !!
THAT'S A GOOD MENTAL ATTITUDE
UM, WELL... HIRO-SHIMA IS PULL-ING AHEAD !!
ARA-KITA-SAN!!
AH?!
UM
I KNOW THAT, MOR-ON!
UM, SO
I DON'T WANT HIM TO GET CLOSE TO KINJOU-SAN AND IMAIZUMI-KUN
I'LL DO ANY-THING !!
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, PLEASE TELL ME!
IN THAT CASE, I DON'T WANNA HEAR ANY COM-PLAINTS FROM YOU!
THIS IS FOR YOU TWO CLIMBER BABIES!
FROM HERE ON

HAKONE
OKAY!!
I'M GONNA PEDAL 'TIL MY LEGS FALL OFF!!
OKAY
DON'T FALL BEHIND FROM ME NO MATTER WHAT!!

URYAAAAH
KANADAM
KAKOGAWA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THAT I GET MORE BURN-ED UP!!
FOR ME
IT'S WHEN I SEE GLIMPSES OF YOU RIDING IN FRONT OF ME

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WE'RE BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED, MACHIMI-YAAA!
KANAGAWA
KOUGAKU
ONE GO?!
...
BUT TOO BAD!! I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU!!
YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD FINISH THIS IN ONE GO

A FIGHTING DOG DOESN'T IMMEDIATELY GO FOR THE KILL.
IT MAKES A HIT OUTSIDE THEIR TARGET'S VITAL POINT AND WATCHES HOW THEY REACT, THEN FROM THERE
IS WHEN THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL BEGINS !!
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OY OY... THAT JUST NOW WAS ME GETTING A HANDLE OF YOUR SKILLS.
BWFAHAHAHA!
YOUR RIDING WAS AVERAGE.
BUT IT WAS BELOW MY EXPECTATIONS...
I TESTED YOU, WONDERING HOW FAST YOU COULD GO WITH TWO LITTLE CLIMBERS AT YOUR TAIL

AT THIS RATE, I CAN REACH THE FRONT EASILY!!
I SEE THAT EVEN THE REST OF HAKOGAKU, EXCLUDING THEIR ACE, CONSISTS OF AVERAGE FOLK
EH EH ?!
...YOU SON OF A BITCH.
TO THE FRONT
IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT I GOT GOING
!?
I MADE A PROMISE, AFTER ALL.
!?

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EH
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...EH
DURING THE CLIMB UP HAKONE...
IT WAS ON THE FIRST DAY
BFHH
A PROM-
ISE WITH MIDOU-
SUJI!!
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HIRO-SHIMA WON'T JUMP OUT AHEAD EITHER.
FINE THEN, KYOFUSHI CAN CONTROL THE PACK.
WE'LL CLIMB WITH YOU WITHOUT INTERFER-ING.
ACE MIDOU-SUJI-KUN.
BUT WILL YOU PROMISE ME ONE THING
HOW ABOUT THIS? IF, ON THE THIRD DAY... THE LAST DAY...
I CAN TELL THAT YOU'RE LUCKY. YOU HAVE THE AURA.
WHY ?
WORK TO-GETHER? EH EH!!
WE'RE IN A POSITION TO FIGHT FOR THE CHAMPI-ONSHIP...
I'M DIFFERENT FROM THE "ZAKU" YOU MEN-TION. AND BESIDES
OUR GOALS
ARE THE SAME
WHY DON'T KYO-FUSHI AND HIRO-SHIMA.

THE GOAL OF CRUSH-ING HAKO-GAKU TO THE GROUND!!
LET'S DESTROY THEM. . WITH KYOFUSH AND HIROSHIMA PAIRING TOGETHER..
HAKO-GAKU ALSO DID A NUMBER ON ME LAST YEAR.
YOU'RE THINKING IT TOO, AREN'T YOU? THAT
MAYBE
IT'S HIGH TIME FOR THE KINGS TO BE REPLACED
MIDOU...
....SUJI-KUN
USING COOPERA-TION!!
HANAGAWA
HANAGAWA

HERE COMES THE LEAD PACK!!
YOU CAN DO IT!
OHH! HAKO-GAKU !!
Hiroshima
Hiroshima
Hiroshima
Kanagav
Hiroshima 31
Hiroshima 32
Hiroshima 36
Kanagawa 2
Kanagawa 6
Chiba 176
THIS IS REAL-LY BAD!!
JUICHI ...
YEAH.
EH ?!
HIROSHIMA IS DIRECTLY BEHIND US?!

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HE'S FI-NAL-LY... MADE HIS MOVE ...
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MA-CHI-MIYA-KUUU UUUN !!
COOP-ERA-TION!!

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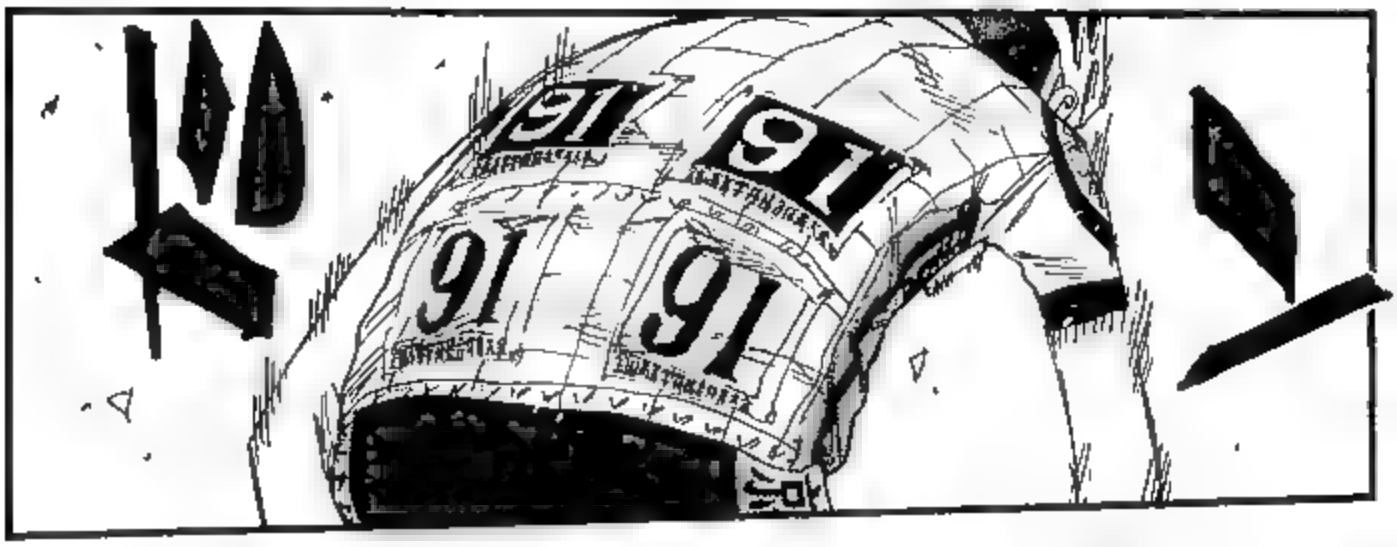


ALL TEAMS ARE RIDING AT THEIR FULLEST ON THIS THIRD DAY TO WIN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HAKOGAKU IS IN THE LEAD WITH SOHOKU CHASING THEM...

IT'S TAKING EVERYTHING OUT OF ME FOR US TO KEEP UP.

MI-DOU-SU-JI...

AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU CAN EASILY FLIP THIS SITUATION AROUND?

MI-DOU SU-JI!!

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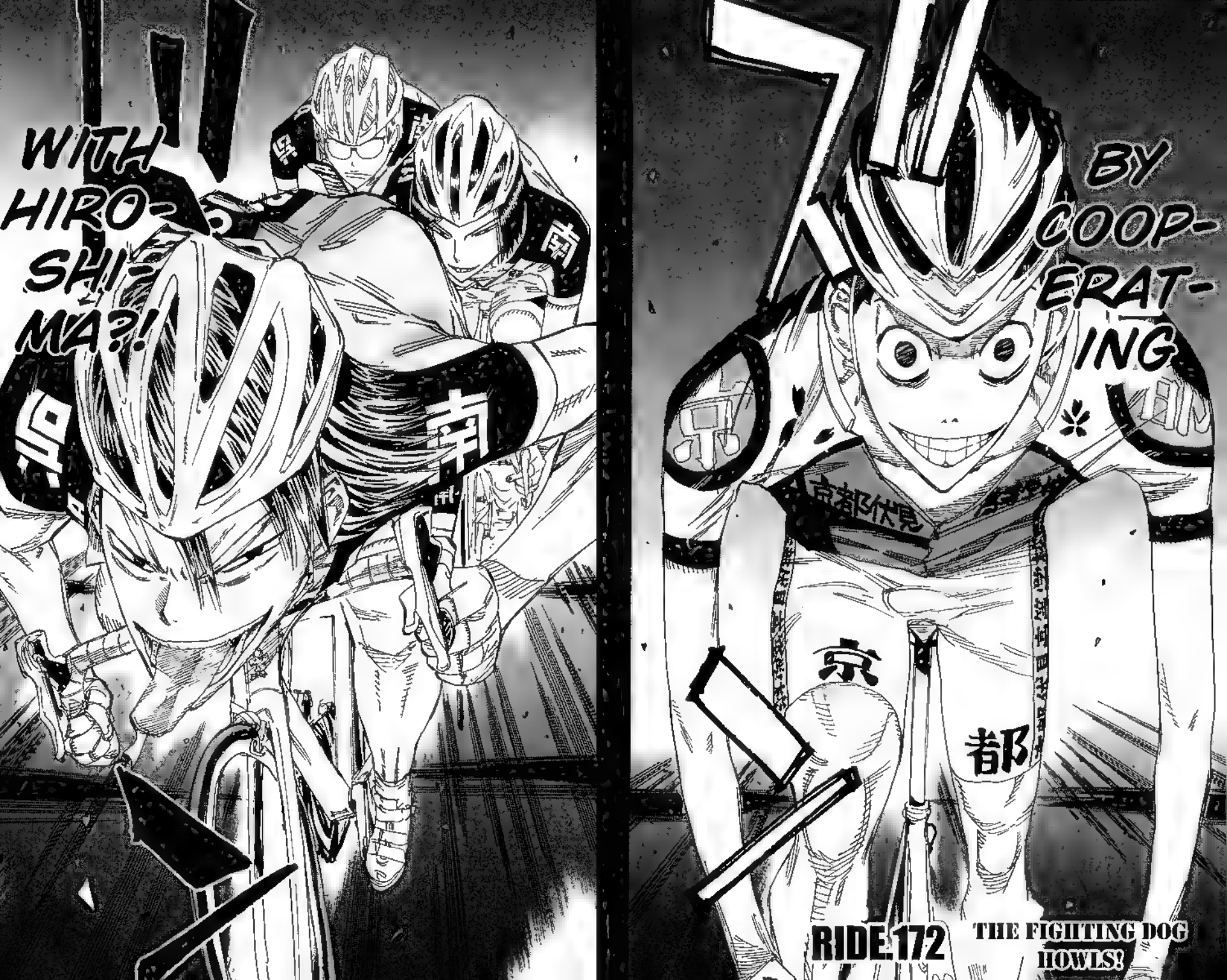
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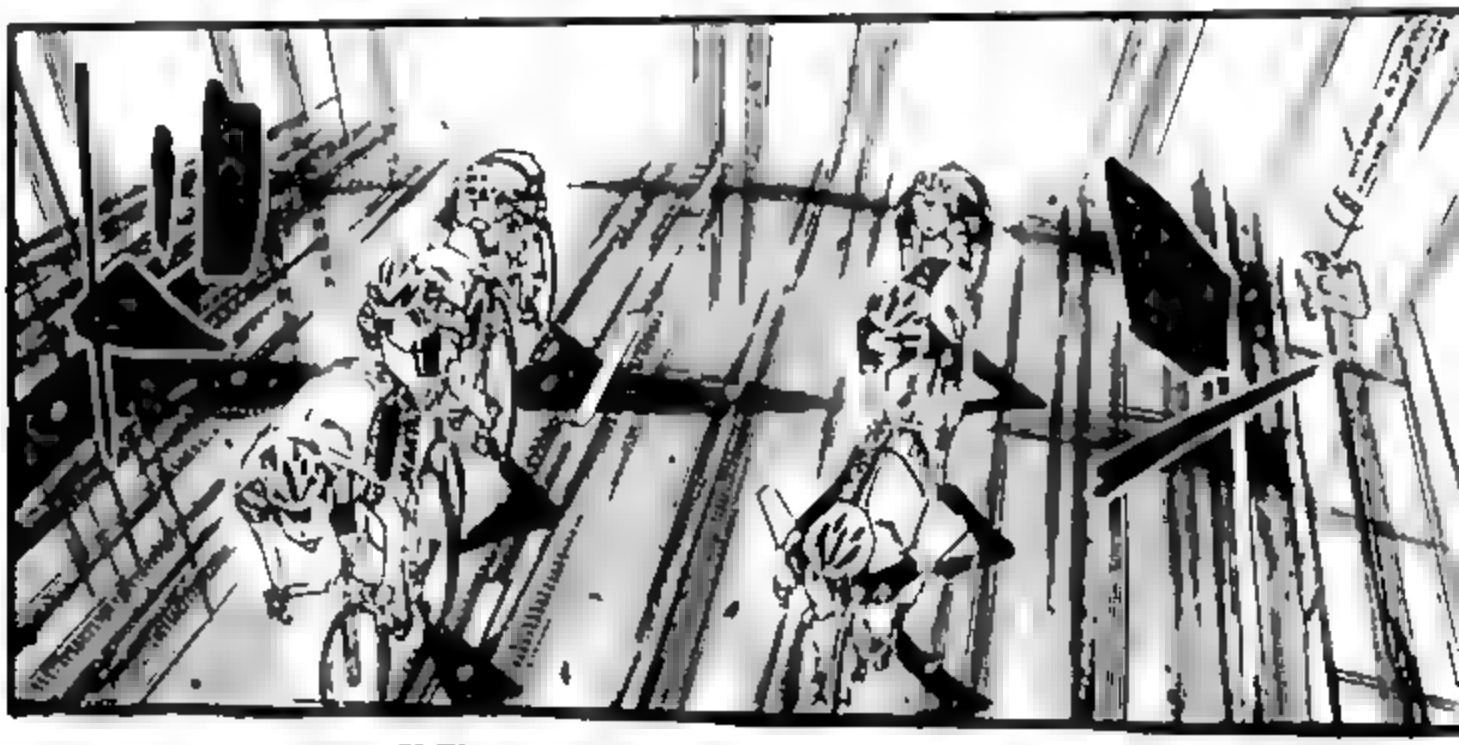

SHIT...!!

WITH KYOFUSHI AND HIROSHIMA TOGETHER, THAT WOULD MAKE IT EIGHT PEOPLE...!!
ON THE VERY UNLIKELY POSSIBILITY THAT WE DO GET DROPPED, AND ALL OF HIROSHIMA MAKES IT TO THE FRONT...
TCH
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THEY'RE COOPERATING WITH MIDOUSUJI-KUN'S TEAM... WHICH...
WHICH MEANS...

THE ADVANTAGE FOR WINNING WILL GO TO THEM!!

COME ON... LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS ALREADY...
I WILL
RIP OUT YOUR THROAT
!?
YOU HEAR ?

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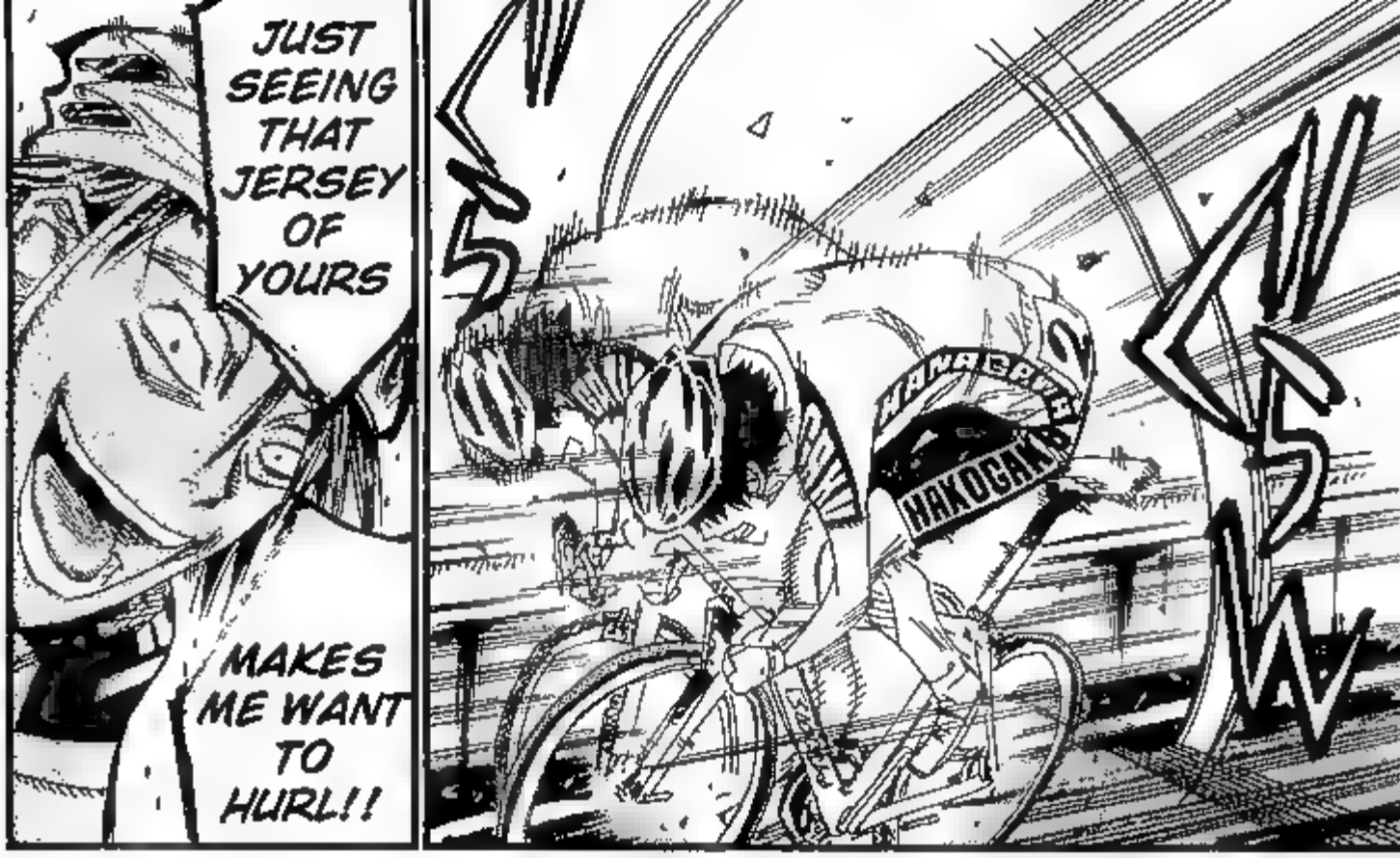
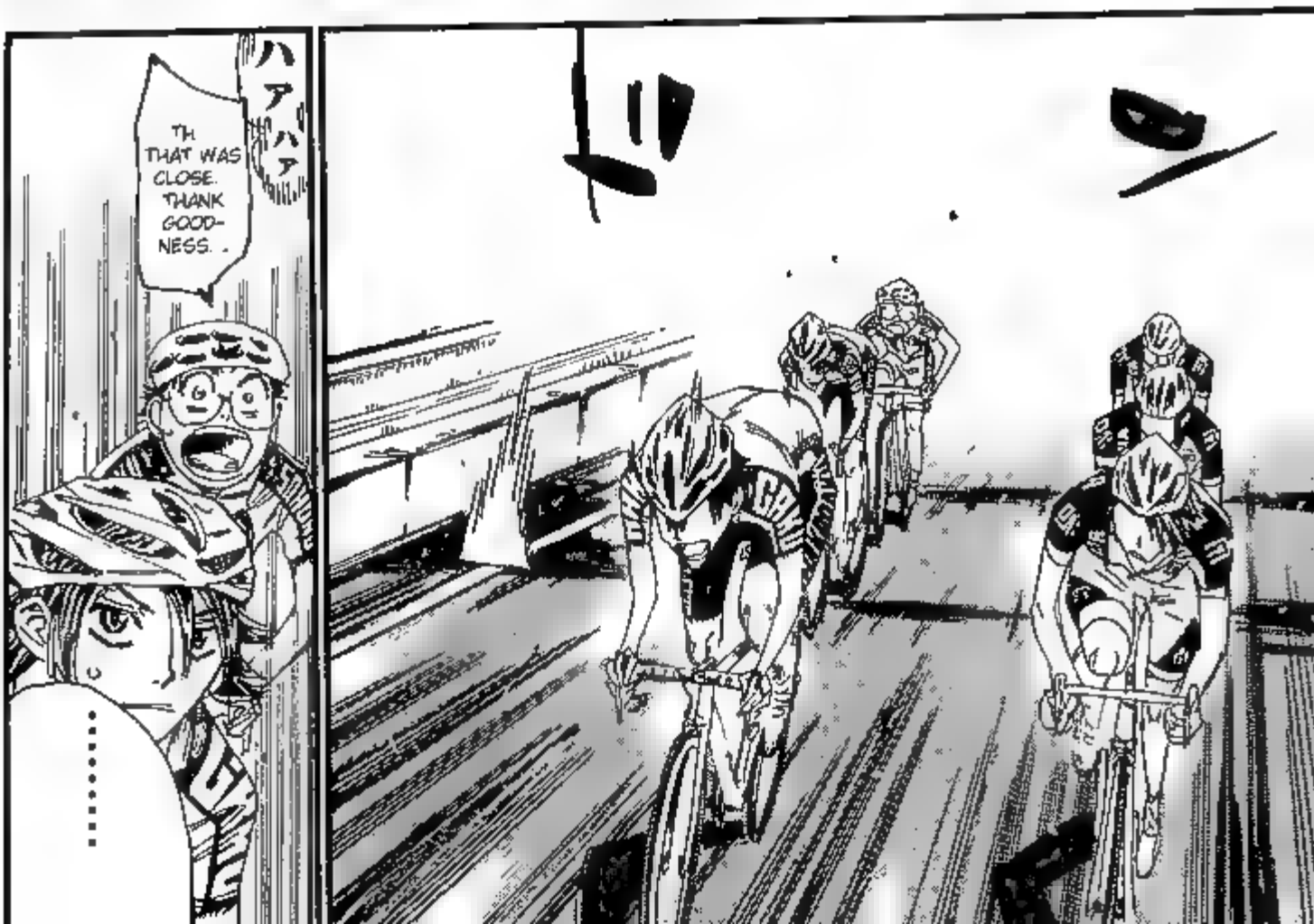

JUST SEEING THAT JERSEY OF YOURS
MAKES ME WANT TO HURL!!
HAKOGAKU

IT PUTS ME IN THE FOUL-EST MOOD!!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TH THAT WAS CLOSE. THANK GOOD-NESS.
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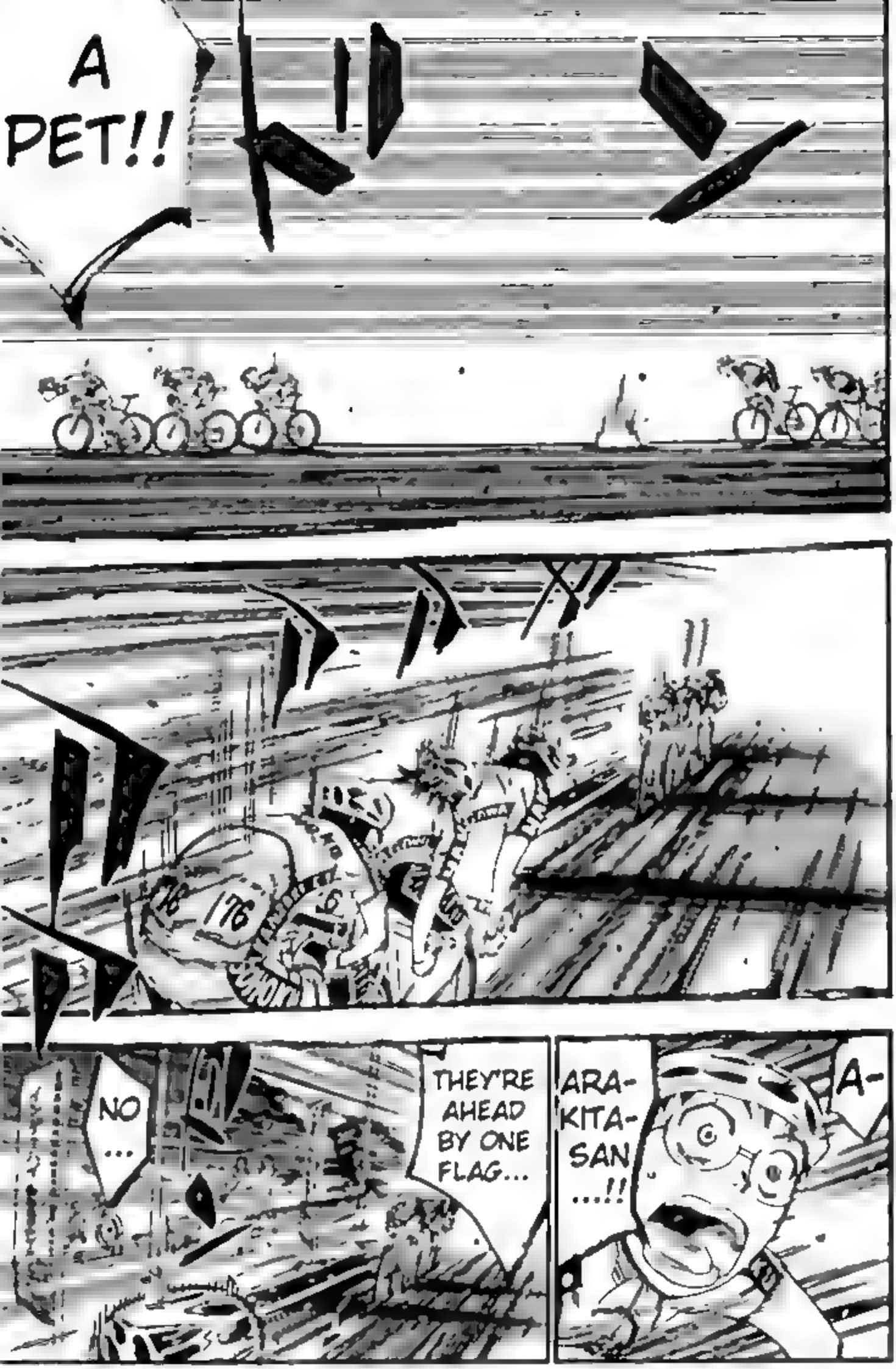
ARAKITA-SAN...
UWAH, BLOOD!! YOU'RE BLEED-ING!
YOU SON OF A BITCH...

I'LL HIT YOU LIKE A GONG, AND SEND HAKO-GAKU
TO THE GROUND

HEAD-BUTT ME.
DO IT.

RACE ME!!
DARY-AAAAAAAH!!
I HEAR THAT YOU'RE CALLED HAKOGAKU'S "WOLF"
BFW-AHA HA!
WOLF ...
BF-WAH
GUH!
ARA KI-TA-AA!
DON'T THEY MEAN A "DOMESTICATED PET WOLF"?


A PET!!
NO ...
THEY'RE AHEAD BY ONE FLAG...
ARA-KITA-SAN ...!!
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ONE AND A HALF!!
THAT'S IT, HAKOGAKU! THAT'S THE FACE
I WANTED TO SEE FROM YOU!! ARAKITA-AAA!
I CAN FINALLY PAY IT BACK
WITH THIS ...
PAY BACK MY REVENGE...
DES-PER-ATE
YOU'RE SO DES-PER-ATE
SHUT UP
JUST FUCKING SHUT UP AND FOLLOW ME!!

THE SECOND STAGE, AT THE 52 KM POINT
LAST YEAR'S INTER-HIGH IN HIRO-SHIMA
FROM LAST YEAR INTER-HIGH'S HIRO-SHIMA TOURNA-MENT!!
TODAY IS EVEN WARMER THAN YESTER-DAY
IT'S TOO HOT!!...!!
DAMN IT...!!
MY BOTTLE SPLIT OPEN AND I DON'T HAVE ANY WATER LEFT!!
BOTH OF THEM!! DAMN IT!!
AND YET, GOD-DAMNIT...

YES, SIR!
DO YOU BEST, SECOND-YEAR ACE!!
WE ALUMNI WILL BE CHEERING FOR YOU TOO
SINCE THE TOURNAMENT IS HELD ON OUR HOME TURF, THERE'S A LOT OF EXPECTATION ON ME
I TRAINED LIKE CRAZY
I'LL WIN THIS, NO MATTER WHAT!!
AND YET
PLEASE LEND ME YOUR SUPPORT, THIRD-YEAR SENPAI!
MY PHYSICAL CONDITION IS BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE
EVEN IF
BUT I'M THE ACE... I HAVE TO SHOW RESULTS ON THIS STAGE
...
I'M NOT LUCKY ...!!
DAMN IT!!
WATER!!
WITHOUT WATER, I WON'T BE ABLE TO ENDURE THIS HEAT
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO SAY THIS, BUT...
UM... COULD YOU SPARE ONE OF YOUR BOTTLES... TO ME?
WILL YOU PLEASE LISTEN?
EVEN IF IT MEANS GOING THROUGH HUMILIATION...!!
FUKUTOMI-KUN!! I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU

I WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN TODAY
IF I DON'T KEEP UP THIS BREAKAWAY MOMENTUM AND CATCH SOHOKU UP AHEAD
IT WAS AN ACCI-DENT!! PLEASE!!
I THINK I HIT MY BOTTLES WHEN I TOOK THEM! THEY'RE BOTH TORN OPEN!!
YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT? I'M DESPERATE HERE! PLEASE!!
I'M THE ACE!! SINCE THIS TOURNAMENT IS IN MY HOMETOWN, I CARRY EVERYONE'S EXPECTATIONS TOO
THAT'S WHY I'M BEGGING YOU DESPITE ALL THAT, AREN'T I?!
TO DO THAT, AND TO REACH THE GOAL, I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE A BOTTLE.
I INTEND TO PUT A CHECK ON SOHOKU UP AHEAD AS WELL.
I CAN'T.
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A MEMBER OF MY TEAM FROM BEHIND US CAN AFFORD TO GIVE UP THEIR BOTTLE.
YOU SHOULD ASK HIM.
CRAP... MY THROAT...
PL-EA-SE...
IT WAS AN ACCI-DENT...
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WAIT, HAKO-GAKU!! YOU ALREADY WON THE FIRST STAGE YESTERDAY, ISN'T THAT ENOUGH!
AH
WAIT...
I HAVE TO WIN!
EVEN IF I GOT IT FROM THE GUY BEHIND ME... IF I DON'T GO NOW, I WON'T WIN!
THIS IS... MY HOME-TOWN...
AND YET...
AND I'M THE ACE
I...
WAIT FOR ME... DAMN IT...
I COULD WIN... MY LEGS STILL HAVE THE ENERGY...
WAIT...
DAMN IT...
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I'M SORRY
I HAVE A DUTY TO FULFILL AS WELL!!

HAKONE ACADEMY MAKES A ONE-TWO-THREE FINISH FOR THE SECOND STAGE!!
THEY SHOWED US THE IMPRES-SIVE WORK OF THE KINGS!!
IF ONLY...
IF ONLY I'D HAD
THAT ONE BOTTLE ...

I'LL PULL YOU!!
THE SPRINTER FROM BEHIND !!
!!
ALLOW ME!
THEN LET'S BREAK AWAY 20 METERS AHEAD AND WIN THIS AT ONCE!! I'LL DO THE PULLING!!
DON'T
THEY CAN'T SWITCH OUT TO PULL AT THIS HIGH SPEED
YOU COULD EVEN SAY THIS IS THREE AGAINST ONE!!
TWO OUT OF THREE OF THIS OPPONENT ARE CLIMBERS!!
THIS IS CHECKMATE !!

STICK YOUR HEAD INTO MY BUSI-NESS, YOU BLOCK-HEAD!!
DON'T GET IN MY WAY... THE TWO HAKO-GAKU HERE...
ARE MY PREY !!
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